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## Comment Of The Day

**The Fishing Fleet**  
HONGKONG has watched with growing pride the development of a modern fishing fleet. The last report of the Director of Marketing and the Registrar of Co-operatives, which with the Department of Fisheries has played the leading part in this revolution, announced in March that less than one-third of the total fleet is mechanised. This is a record that the Colony can be proud of. Modern, highly industrialised Japan, which turns out its own diesel engines, has only slightly over one-third of its fleet mechanised. The need is to encourage this trend in Hongkong.

The Colony was represented at a recent conference in Ceylon at which mechanisation of the fleets of South-east Asia and the Far East was discussed. The advantages of this process are obvious. Powered boats are able to travel further and faster to fishing grounds and remain there longer before returning to port. This enables them to devote far more to actual fishing with noticeable results on profits.

### Promotion

THIS is evident in the case of the Hongkong fleet. Mechanised fishing craft, though comprising less than one-third of the total catch, and the incentive to mechanise—at least until recently—has been apparent in Hongkong where both Government and diesel engine importers have provided generous credit terms.

The Ceylon conference, sponsored by the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council, has made mechanisation a powerful point of promotion among its seventeen member nations. One of its main aims now is to assist those countries which through lack of proper planning, absence of suitable vessels or lack of foreign exchange, have been less successful in introducing mechanisation.

But while this new trend gains increasing popularity elsewhere in Asia, figures for Hongkong next year are likely to show a marked decline on the number mechanised in 1957-58—765 boats. Action against local fishing junks by Communist patrol boats and the fear of demands by the Communists for bigger shares of catches in Chinese waters appear to have created some pessimism and discouraged a process which otherwise might have seen the entire fleet mechanised in six years' time.

### A Lead Needed

IN the interests of the Colony's fleet and local food supplies, a lead from Government is needed here. The fishermen need not only to be restored in confidence by regular patrols of either warships or Fishery Protection Vessels, when necessary, but just as in 1948 when a local fisherman was persuaded against his better judgment to initiate the revolution of mechanisation, Government now needs to encourage fishermen to move to new and finer grounds. Conversion in this case will involve much more than mechanisation—bigger craft, new trawling methods and possibly the provision of a mother ship, for example—but Government should not hesitate to help out in the training and financing of a scheme to put local fishermen on a thoroughly sound and safe basis. After all, this is one industry which makes a great contribution to the feeding of our millions.

## NOW RUSSIA PROMISES NEW AID AIRFIELDS FOR NASSER

### Factories And Power Station For Suez Also Planned

London, Dec. 22. Five new airfields and a number of new industries are to be built in the United Arab Republic under an agreement with the Soviet Union signed in Cairo today, Cairo Radio reported.

### Early China Mail Tomorrow

Tomorrow—Christmas Eve—the China Mail will be published earlier than usual and copies will be on sale on the streets before mid-day.

There will be no China Mail on Christmas Day or on Boxing Day, but the big feature-packed week-end issue will be on sale at the usual time on Saturday morning. For the benefit of readers, our film critic, Anthony Fuller, has reviewed the films showing in the Colony over the Christmas holidays and these will be published in tomorrow's China Mail. Also in tomorrow's China Mail will be another instalment of John Luff's new series of articles entitled "This Hongkong". The second instalment will tell more of the escapades of Hongkong's first newspaper editors and the court's dealings with them.

### Rainstorms Leave Trail Of Dead On Both Sides Of Atlantic

Rio De Janeiro, Dec. 22. Thirty-one people were reported killed and thousands injured and homeless as a result of an unprecedented all-night rain-storm here.

Police today recovered 23 bodies but many more victims are known to be buried under the shantytown huts and the landslides of rock and sand. The shantytown area, precariously perched on steep mountain slopes, was the worst affected but several stone buildings also collapsed burying the occupants.

**In Madrid**  
In Madrid, at least 12 people have been killed and about 6,000 made homeless by storms which have swept across Spain in the past three days. A 50 m.p.h. gale today sank several small fishing boats and damaged others at the port of Malaga.

Landslides are blocking the Malaga-Madrid railway line. In Seville where 5,000 people evacuated their homes when the river Guadalquivir rose about 23 feet above its normal level. In Rabat, Morocco, torrential rains brought by an Atlantic storm raised flood waters, isolating several Moroccan villages and cutting direct road links between Rabat and Tangier today.—Reuters and U.P.I.

### Agreement

Few details were released when the economic and technical co-operation pact between Russia and Egypt was signed in the Kremlin last January, but some reports put the total Soviet aid offered at about £70 million.

The agreement said the two governments would join in the development in Egypt of geological work, mineral production, oil prospecting, oil products, building of machinery, iron, metal, chemical, textile, food-stuffs and light industries, medicines and medical equipment.

Russian organisations would supply Egypt with machinery and equipment and would help plan the building of industrial establishments, it added. The Russians also promised to help install and operate machines and equipment to bring Egypt's production to a specified level, and to undertake the training of men for Egyptian industry.

Moscow Radio said that to pay for the machines and projects, Russia offered Egypt a loan to be repaid in 12 years at interest of two and a half per cent per annum interest.

### Aswan Dam

Last October 23, Mr Nikita Khrushchev announced that Russia would advance 400 million roubles (about £33 million at the official exchange rate) credit to the U.A.R. to help finance the first stage of the Aswan dam scheme, according to Tass, the Soviet News Agency.

This was for machinery, equipment and other materials lacking in the U.A.R., he said. Technicians and experts would also be provided. Britain and the United States withdrew their offers of financial support for the £464 million dam project just before Egypt nationalised the Suez Canal in 1956.—Reuters.

### Churchill To Visit Marrakesh

London, Dec. 22. Sir Winston Churchill—now 85—plans to visit Marrakesh, Morocco, for a holiday arriving there probably on January 6, authoritative sources said here today. Quarters close to Sir Winston Churchill said the date was not definitely fixed, but that he had decided "in principle" to visit Marrakesh.—China Mail Special.

### Window-Banging Bird Lovers Chalk Up Win

Two window-banging bird lovers today chalked up a first round victory in a fight to save the lives of local pigeons.

Three policemen, a postologist and his two assistants were called to Blackpool's Gainsborough Road to destroy 78 pigeons which had been annoying local residents.

A wire netting trap, baited with corn was set for the birds but each time a pigeon approached it, Mr and Mrs

### Her Minute-Old Son



Hovering in the background, Mrs. Janice Gilson smiles as ambulance stewards bundle her minute-old son, Francis Patrick Gilson III, for a trip to the hospital after he came into the world practically unaided. Summoned by a phone call, the stewards arrived just in time to hear the tell-tale squalls that made it plain Francis had arrived.—UPI Telephoto.

## Three More Pacifists To Spend Christmas In Gaol

London, Dec. 23.

Three pacifists who attempted to present a petition to Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, tonight joined their brethren—in gaol.

The trio was part of a group of some 200 pacifists who marched on No. 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister's official residence, to present the petition on nuclear disarmament.

Twenty-two of their comrades were taken to a "non-violent" demonstration site near Swaffham on Sunday are spending their Christmas in gaol. Nine others declined a chance for martyrdom today and chose instead to spend Christmas Day out of prison.

### Behind Bars

The 22 elected to remain behind bars until December 26 rather than promise the authorities they would not picket the missile construction site. Some 250 pacifists met tonight in support of the campaign for nuclear disarmament and to express sympathy for their gaoled friends. The meeting and the demonstrations are organised by the direct action committee against nuclear war.

Then, about a 200 people marched through Trafalgar Square to Downing Street. But police kept them moving right on through.

The arrested demonstrators tried to present the petition and police told them to move on. They did not, so they were bundled off to gaol.—U.P.I.

### BUS PLUNGES INTO DEEP RAVINE

Athens, Dec. 22. A bus full of passengers missed a difficult turn and plunged into a 3,000 foot ravine today, killing 25 persons in the Jannina region of western Greece.

Four of the other passengers were seriously injured in the crash but were still alive, while a fifth—a young girl—managed to escape before the vehicle went over the edge.

The accident occurred on one of the most difficult turns of the winding mountain road of the Epirus Province.—France-Press.

### Aga Khan Denies Betrothal Rumours

Gstaad, Dec. 22. Prince Karim Aga Khan today categorically denied newspaper reports that he would shortly announce his engagement to Sylvia Casabianca, the daughter of a rich Mexican financier.

He said he had no intention of announcing his engagement to anybody at this time. Karim said he had come to Gstaad for a short holiday, and would return to Harvard University in the United States after the New Year to finish his studies.

He described the speculations about his engagement as "ridiculous."—France-Press.

### Army Officer Arrested

Acara, Dec. 22. An Army officer has been arrested in connection with an assassination plot against Premier Kwame Nkrumah, it was learned today. The officer is Major B. Awhallor, Camp Commandant at Acara. He has been ordered by Army authorities to remain within his residence.—U.P.I.

## Fresh Poultry Prices Up 100 Per Cent

By CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Fresh poultry prices have gone up on the local market this year, in some cases as much as 100 per cent. However, imported chickens, turkeys and ducks from America, Australia and other countries have remained at steady prices according to various stores contacted this morning.

The manager of one big Chinese store's food department said the price of fresh poultry and eggs had gone up quite considerably. The reason, he believed, was that the Mainland was not sending as much this year as in the past.

### Shortage

He believed the shortage was brought about by the commune system in China. He said that in the past, individuals used to raise chickens in their own backyards and in their homes, but when the communal style of living was introduced, this practice ceased. He added that it will take some time before Hongkong receives the same amount of poultry as in the past.

The manager of one of the big English stores said that prices for poultry and eggs on the local market had gone up, but imported food prices had remained steady.

He believed that this price-hike was normal on the local market for this time of the year. "It is usually the same with Mainland products," he said. "When they see there is a rush for it, the price goes up."

### Big Stores

Almost all of the big stores will be open tomorrow, but for delivery over the Christmas holidays, all orders should have been in by noon today. This was the situation at Lane, Crawford's. However, their bakery department will be making deliveries throughout the Colony, both on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Wellcome's will continue with a three-times a day delivery service throughout the Christmas holidays. The store will only be closed on Christmas Day.

The Dairy Farm's main stores will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, but their self-service stores in King's Road and Waterloo Road, will be open from 8.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the evening, on both days.

Milk will be delivered to standing order customers throughout the holiday period as usual. Milk will be sold at most of the Dairy Farm's shops, excluding Windsor House and Manson House, between 7.30 and 11 a.m.

### Collaborator Lived In Earth Hole For 8 Years

Warsaw, Dec. 22.

Police, with the aid of a police dog named Tarzan, recently discovered a former Nazi collaborator who had spent the last eight years in hiding in a hole dug under his father-in-law's barn, it was disclosed today.

Marion Machniak, a resident of Opatow in the Kielce area, was arrested in 1950 and accused of killing a number of Jews during the war. He managed to escape before the court was able to read the death sentence passed upon him.

Police searching his father-in-law's farm discovered the fugitive. For eight years he had rarely left his hole in the ground. Only his wife and his father-in-law knew his secret. Even his own children did not know him.

Machniak was arrested suffering from tuberculosis. He was taken to the prison hospital at Sandomierz.—France-Press.

### Train Crash

Tunbridge Wells, Dec. 22.

A diesel express from Hastings to London crashed into a stationary train at Tunbridge Wells today causing injuries to about 20 people.

Most were treated for shock and cuts but the diesel driver and one woman passenger were taken to hospital.—China Mail Special.

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# WILL PRINCE TAKE JAPAN'S THRONE?

## Hirohito Rumoured To Retire

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Will Emperor Hirohito abdicate next year and step down for Crown Prince Akihito and his bride?

That is the hottest question in Japan as the popular heir apparent celebrates his 25th birthday today.

### Ike's Reveals His Budget Of \$77,000m

Washington, Dec. 22.

President Eisenhower announced today that he would send Congress a balanced budget for the fiscal year 1959-60 calling for expenditures of about \$77,000 million.

The President's step in announcing in advance the approximate size of his budget is without precedent in recent years.

Mr Eisenhower, who completed work on the budget early today, issued a short statement which said that the budget would provide a record peacetime expenditures for defence. The current defence spending in the fiscal year which ends next June will total, it is estimated, \$40,600 million.—Reuter.

### MALTESE END LONDON TALKS

London, Dec. 22.

Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, had a final meeting here tonight with the delegation of the Malta Nationalist Party led by Dr G. Borge Oliver.

A Colonial Office statement later said, "Although it has not been possible to reach general agreement at this round of talks, there has been a valuable exchange of views with the Nationalist Party delegation."—Reuter.

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## Girl Stowaway Returns Home

London, Dec. 22.

Margaret Georgiana Cator, 17-year-old London model, sent back to England from Singapore after an unsuccessful stowaway bid to reach her boy friend in Australia, returned home today in the 14,000-ton liner Corfu.

On the liner's arrival at Tilbury immigration officials, Press photographers and reporters, went aboard to see her but the sad-faced girl had little to say to anyone.

While she was at Singapore an Australian newspaper and several rich Chinese offered to pay the cost of her passage to Australia but Margaret is a minor and her mother demanded that she should return.

On her way back from Singapore she was kept in the ship's isolation hospital, fed on crew meals, allowed on a small part of the deck when the ship was at sea but locked up when it was in port.

"She was treated as what she was, a stowaway," a P. & O. official said today.

She was "a very lucky girl not to be prosecuted,"—China Mail Special.

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## Scientists Hope For Big Developments In Next Few Years

New York, Dec. 22.

Concrete ways of lengthening the life span of healthy human beings are likely to be developed in 1959 or shortly afterwards.

### Army Moves On Cyprus Complaint

Nicosia, Dec. 22. Army authorities have allocated £1,000,000 for general improvement on Army tents in Cyprus.

More than £250,000 of this has already been spent.

The British Government announced last week that it was investigating complaints in a letter to a London daily newspaper from a warrant officer serving in Cyprus who declared that his men were living on the most squalid conditions because of poor tents.

At the time, the Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office, Mr. Hugh Fraser, told Parliament that 2,400 improved tents had already been sent to the island.

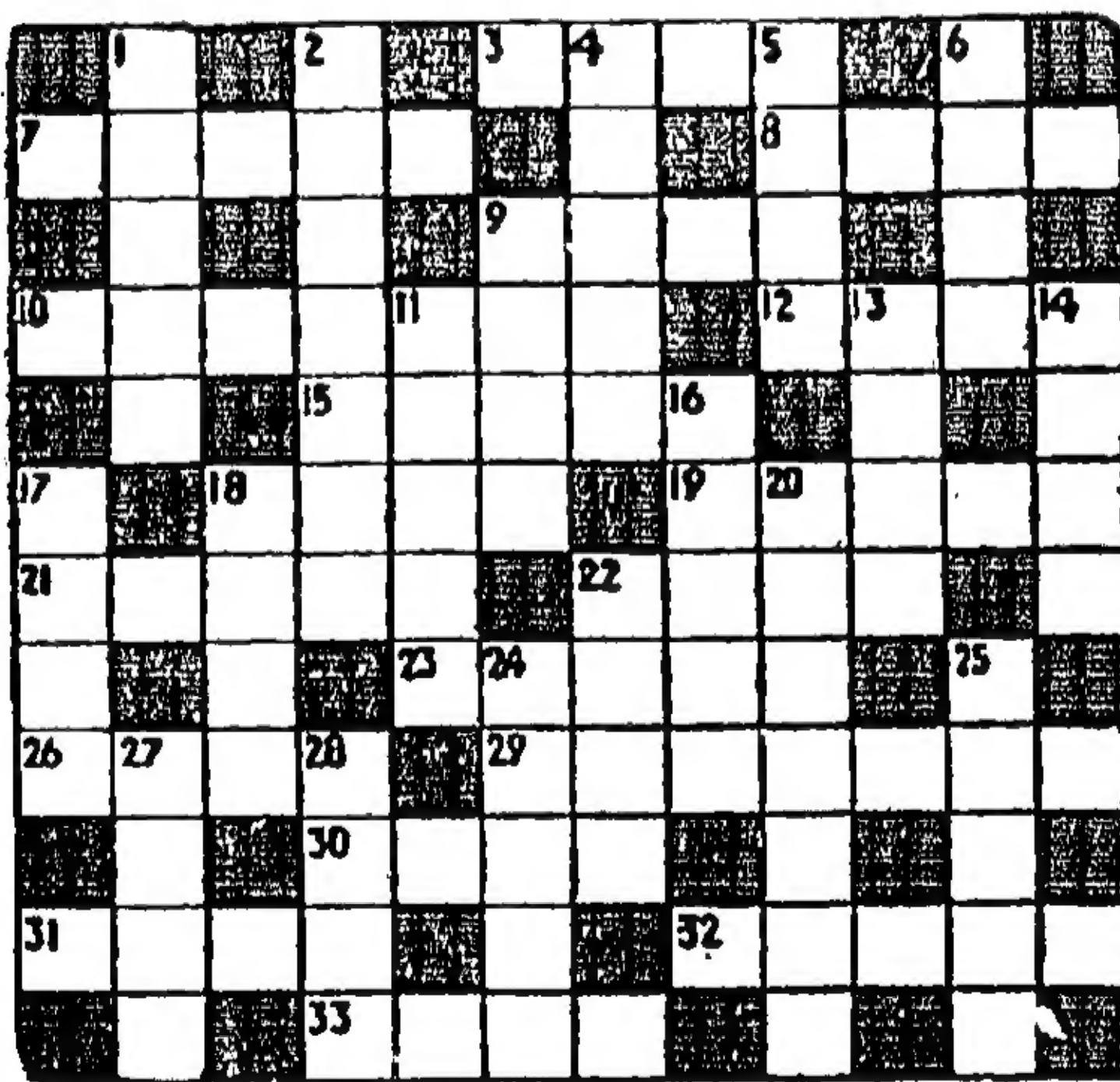
A further 1,300 old-type tents which had been specially renovated were also sent.

He added that the War Minister, Mr. Christopher Soames, would visit Cyprus during the Christmas parliamentary recess. — China Mail Special.

### Tensing's Appeal

Katmandu, Dec. 22. Tensing Norgay, who climbed Mount Everest, today called on Nepalese youth to train themselves in mountain climbing to prove their worthiness as guides to Himalayan climbers. — U.P.I.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



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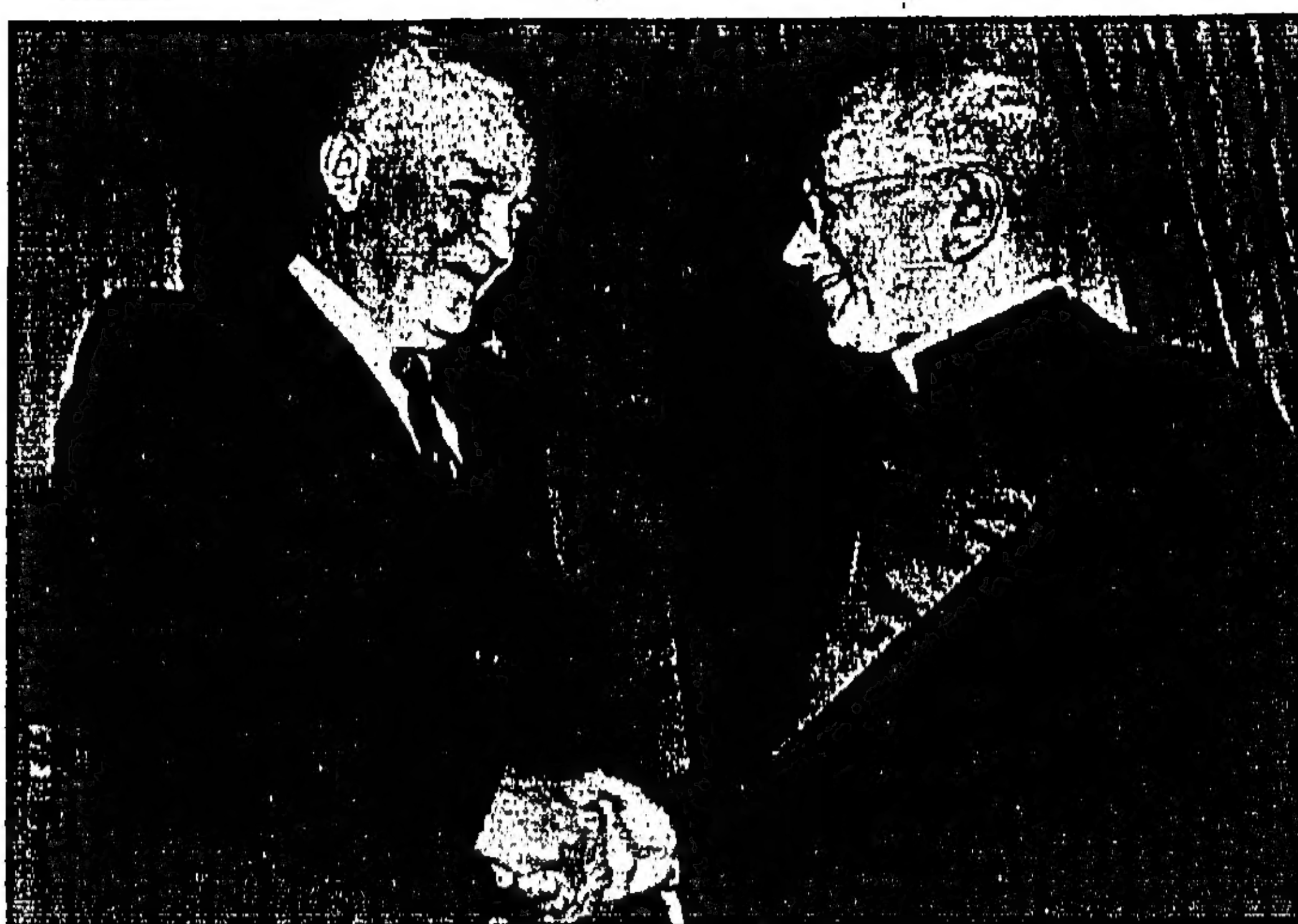
- 5 50 per cent (4).
- 7 Smashed and penniless (5).
- 8 Without thinking (4).
- 9 Cook or hen (4).
- 10 They are used in the mending of pens (7).
- 12 Unused, in a philistine sense (4).
- 15 Small portions (5).
- 16 Put in prison (4).
- 19 Make a speech (5).
- 21 Bottoms (5).
- 22 Arabian report (4).
- 23 You must surely be mistaken in it (5).
- 26 It goes up and down but (note nowhere) (4).
- 29 This is really big (7).
- 30 Not fair? (4).
- 31 Layer of cake (4).
- 32 He gives things away (5).
- 33 Team awake? (4).

#### DOWN

- 1 It gets tickled to death sometimes (5).
- 2 Cumberland mountain (7).
- 4 Got out of a garden bed? (5).
- 5 Moving entertainment? (4).
- 6 McDonald, maybe (4).
- 9 Tumbled down? That's dreadful (4).
- 11 On which revellers may go (5).
- 13 Possibly vain Russian (4).
- 14 The note of personal address (4).
- 16 Lot left it, so do many! (5).
- 17 Stop play! (4).
- 18 Cooper? (4).
- 20 Church screen, rose-red perhaps (7).
- 22 Mary's troops (4).
- 24 Vexed (6).
- 25 Vint? (6).
- 27 Nothing to the noise a god makes (4).
- 28 Personally possessive (4).

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 F-rigid, 7 Oder, 9 Delta, 10 Mitre, 11 Eola, 18 Monoceros, 19 Tele, 20 Dia, 21 Iron-master, 22 Able, 24 Lath, 25 Cut in, 26 Ruse, 27 Rattle. Down: 2 Rules, 3 Grace, 4 Damage, 5 Coterie, 6 Peel, 8 Dregs, 12 Spear, 13 Media, 14 Secreted, 17 Silas, 18 Endear, 20 Acol, 21 Total, 23 Blue.

## President And Cardinal



Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the U.S. (right), newly designated cardinal, made a farewell call on President Eisenhower before leaving for Rome. President Eisenhower this month became the oldest President in the history of the U.S.—U.P.I. Telephoto.

## A Merry Christmas For Korea's Orphans

Seoul, Dec. 22.

In England, Christmas means carols and plum pudding, in America, turkey and cranberry sauce and family gatherings, but in Korea it means orphans.

If the members of the United Nations forces can locate them, every orphan in Korea will have a Merry Christmas.

More than 10,000 Korean orphans near American military installations are going to share in the Yuletide spirit this year.

Almost every military unit, from a frontline company along the demilitarized zone that separates South Korea from the Communist North to a quartermaster group in the Southernmost port city of Pusan, has plans to fete underprivileged Korean orphans in parties and with gifts during the Christmas season.

In return, the troops are entertained with folk dances by their young guests and Christmas carols sung in Korean and in a version of English.

### Gifts

Last year members of the United Nations command donated about \$58,000 to brighten the lives of needy Korean children and it is expected that even more will be spent this Christmas. Many servicemen also wage individual campaigns to solicit gifts of clothing, food and toys through their families, churches and newspapers back in their home towns.

One of the largest Christmas parties in Korea is to be held in Taeju where over 2,000 orphans from 90 orphanages in the area will be entertained by members of detachment of U.S. Army Advisory Group, and the Taeju subpost of the Pusan area command.

Under the annual Christmas campaign named "operation helping hand," more than \$3,000 has been raised from 800 American troops in the Taeju area. Many of them wrote home, and tons of clothing, blankets, and other gifts have arrived from various parts of the United States.

Some 2,000 orphans and other needy children who live close to the demilitarized zone in the U.S. first cavalry division sector will be guests of American GIs in separate parties sponsored by their units.

The troops of the U.S. Seventh Infantry Division also will feed 2,000 other children under "operation Santa Claus." —U.P.I.

## Veteran Actor Dies

Hollywood, Dec. 22.

H. B. Warner, who portrayed the Saviour in "The King of Kings" three decades ago, died yesterday at the motion picture country home after a long illness. He was 82.

The home announced his death today. Warner gained screen immortality for his portrayal of Jesus of Nazareth in the Cecil B. de Mille epic of 1927. His farewell appearance was in another de Mille picture, "The Ten Commandments," two years ago. —U.P.I.

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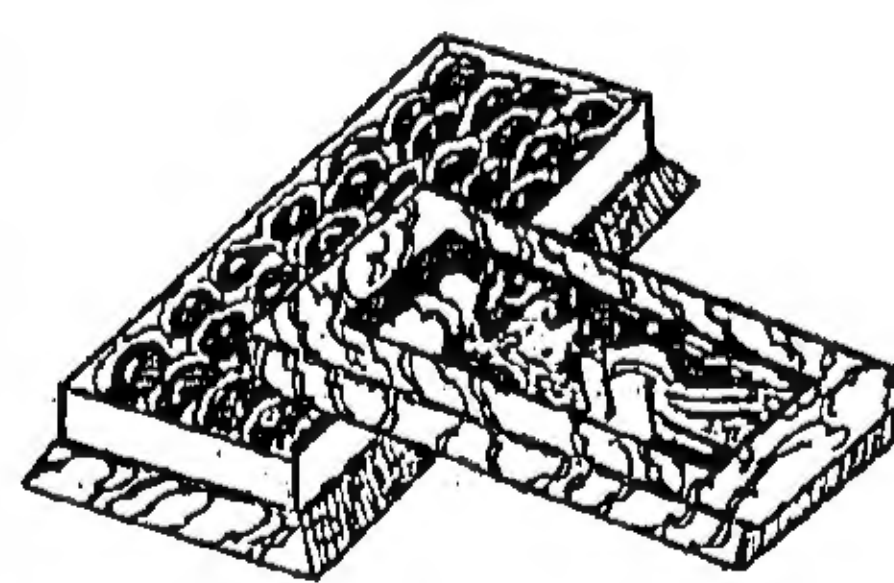
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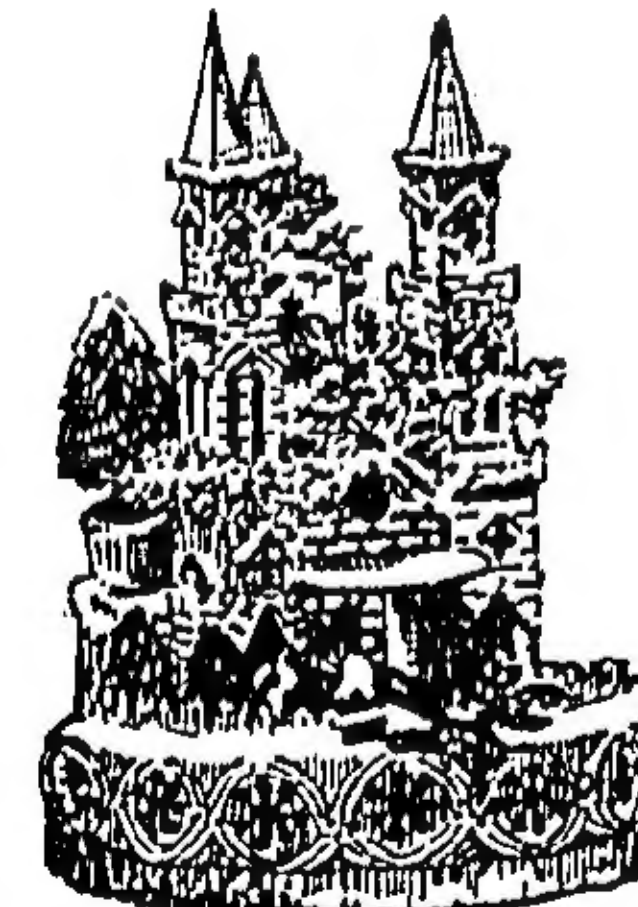
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ESTUM-18

**COLUMNIST PAT LEWIS, news-hopping around America and the West Indies, cables from Hollywood**

**GO WEST**, young woman, if you value your spinsterhood. For here in Hollywood, where romance blossoms on the silver screen, the real thing seldom happens under the smog-smirched palms.

This is the place where virtue rests uneasy because there is hardly anyone to challenge it. "This is not a girls' town," says Dolores Donlon, wife of producer Vic Orsatti, as she heads east to await the hearing of her divorce. "There is an acute shortage of men."

"I feel I've just about had it here," says Lauren Bacall, in a kind of home and children for life in London. "In Europe, there are more things to do, more things of interest and many more people to meet."

Scattering though it is to one's film-fetters, the girls are right. The men they meet in Hollywood today fall into four categories: young-marrieds, old-marrieds, much-marrieds, and never-likely-to-be-marrieds.

In case you're searching, Robert Wagner, Robert Cummings, Mickey Rooney, and Montgomery Clift epitomize these groups. In order.

So the following dialogue is, you will understand, not in the least far-fetched.

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eligible bachelors of Hollywood?"

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She winked. "Want anything before?"

"Just the cue, dear."

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# The gay Pat Lewis winging from Hollywood to Las Vegas

IS 'WYATT EARP'  
THE ONLY ELIGIBLE BACHELOR  
LEFT AROUND THESE PARTS?



On set, Pat Lewis and Hugh O'Brian—a fast gun, but not drawn to women

"Well, we certainly shan't see much rock-and-roll revived 20 years from now because it has no real words," rumbled the very first great dance band leader.

"This is the era of the singer anyhow, which means it is the big personality that counts. But I personally cannot see any of them lasting, only Sinatra and maybe Pat Boone when he develops a bit more."

It is really incredible the way Sinatra has everybody else wrapped up and stored away when it comes to selling a song.

I went down to Capitol's Hollywood studio when he was doing some late-night recording for his new long-player "Come Dance With Me."

After a day filming "Hole in the Head," a huge meal of Italian pasta, and several conferences with Billy May on the orchestrations he was still the swiftest character there. With hardly a second's thought he rocketed through three tracks in half the time allotted for the session.

"You're holding up my cocktail hour," he cracked to the band after a couple of false starts on one number.

"Don't blow quite so loud, will ya fellas? Just so I can fit my way in there some place between the notes—how d'ya think I got the name 'the thin singer'?"

## BIG DIAMOND

THE heart-shaped diamond that graces the neck of Mrs Michael Wilding has doubled in size since leaving England. Her thoughtful husband changed the original for a bigger stone on Susan's recent birthday.

The Wildings are staying in one unit of the apartment block they own here and Elizabeth Taylor with Eddie Fisher are frequent dinner guests.

Incidentally, the new man in Miss Taylor's life seems to be well trained—he buys her a gift a day following the tradition set by her late husband.

After two hits in a row—"Peyton Place" and "I'm of the Sixties Happiness"—director Mark Robson is the blue-eyed boy at 20th-Century Fox.

They've given him the plum task of bringing John O'Hare's largest and most ambitious work—"From the Terrace" to the screen.

## TWO POOLS

"EVERYONE was competing for it," Mr Robson told me. "I'll take over a year to make. Anyway I asked for it—and I got it. But now I have to decide where to start the screen play—the book begins before the central character is even born."

The homes here are all pretty fantastic but perhaps the "most" belongs to designer Don Loper. Filled with the finest collection of Regency furniture this side of the Brighton Pavilion, it has two pools—one bearing a giant-carved bird known as "Swanee."

"Why two pools?" I asked. "We keep an extra one for the servants," replied Mr Loper and added elegantly, "Doesn't everybody?"

## FAST FRANK

I SPENT, and I mean spent, 24 hours in Las Vegas myself in between shows of the current hit there—"Nowcomers of 1958," with Rudy Vallee and Buster Keaton.

I asked another of the stars, Paul Whiteman, what he thought of present-day music.

## TV DEBATE

PROPOS of absolutely nothing to do with the Wild West heroes of the small screen it is fascinating to see the effect of television on this movie-minded community.

Wherever two or more people sit down to drink or dine the arguments rage back and forth until one or another of the competing industries has been verbally buried.

I took a midnight snack with Richard Widmark and producer-director Edward Dmytryk during the after-dark shooting of some scenes for "Warlock."

"It's not so well thought out as that. It just happened that

## NO STARVATION

"ONCE an actor builds up a big following in a certain role he can never be fired because the viewers just won't accept a replacement."

"The only way you can win with television is to exploit it for all you can—make a million in five years and then get out." But talk to one of television's huge successes, like Robert Cummings, and you get an entirely different picture.

"I gave up making movies three years ago when I saw the opportunity to become a mogul in a new business," he explained. "My show has 100 million viewers all over the world now—and I own it."

"Every show we do is filmed, and those films can be run over and over again—the revenue will be there for years. I'm 48 and I have five children. Normally the tax man takes 95 per cent of my earnings, but this way I can insure something for their future."

"What am I to do—be brave and artistic? Or realistic?" Somehow I don't think those five children will ever starve.

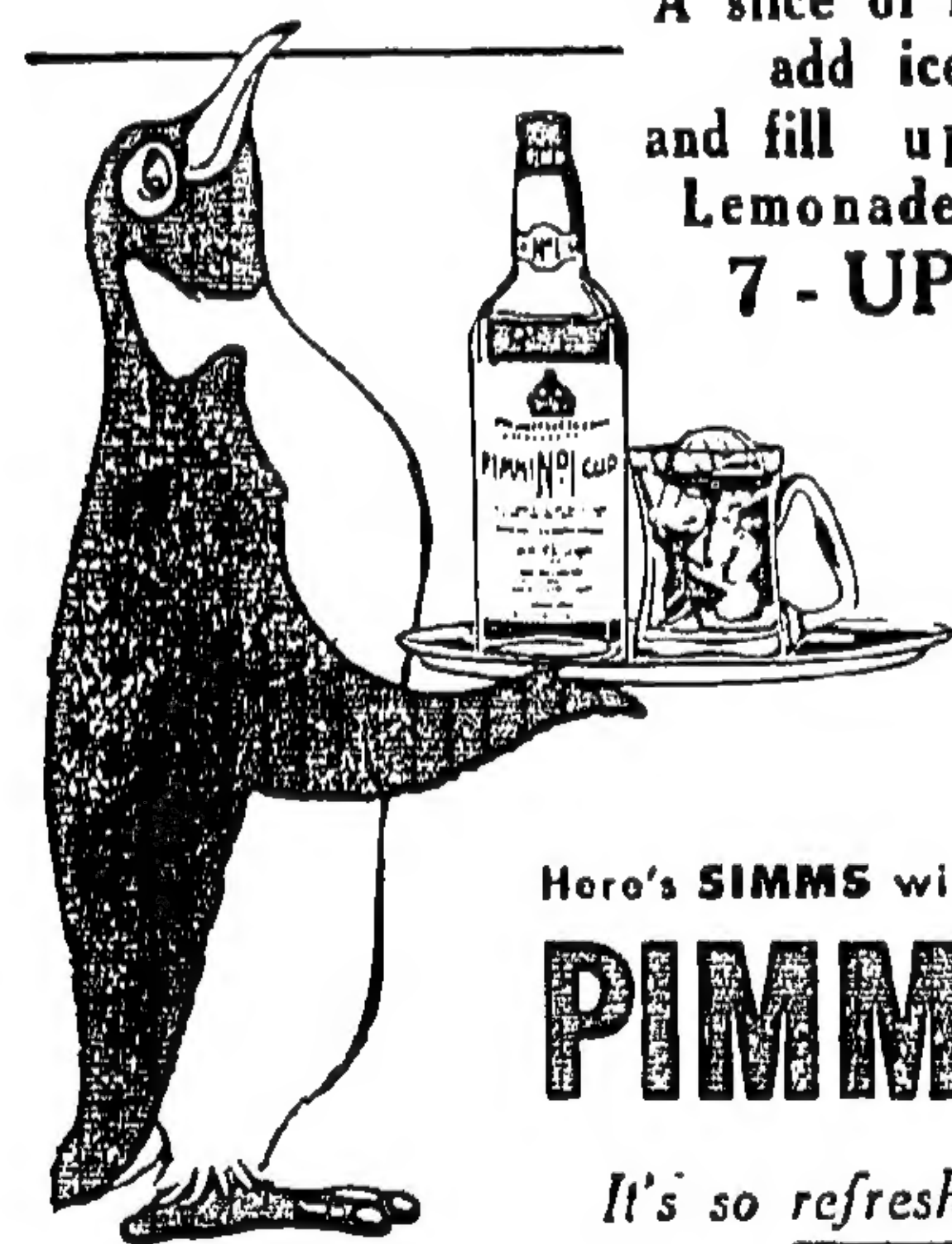
## JAK GOES CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



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## OUT OF TINS

DURING 1957 British housewives bought 3,000,000,000 cans of food, according to figures issued by the British Food Manufacturing Industries Research Association. These included 2,100,000,000 worth of tinned meat and fish, £60,000,000 worth of vegetables, and £45,000,000 worth of fruit. An Association spokesman said that in 1917 only £20,000 worth of tinned meat and fish was sold. By 1957 this figure had risen to £25,000,000, with one-third of a million pounds worth of vegetables and £1,000,000 worth of fruit.

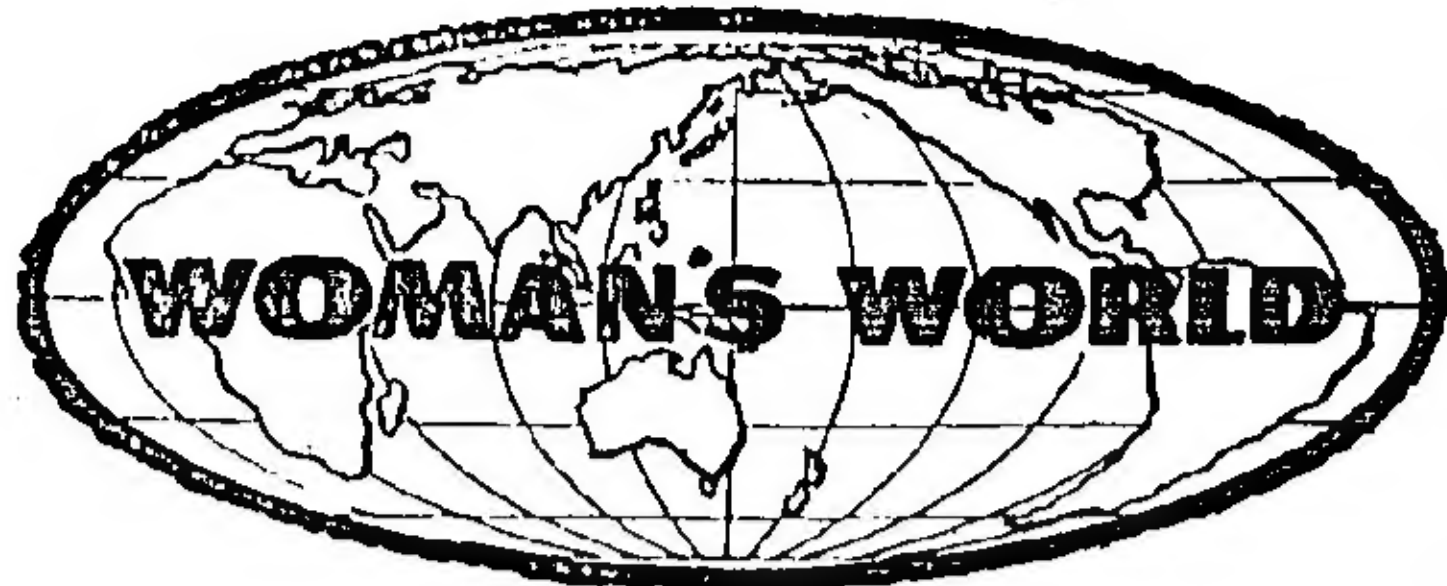
## ENGLISH CHEESE

THE demand for English cheese is now so great there is not enough to go round. The shortage, caused partly by increased production of beef, instead of milk, and the increased consumption of milk and cream, is expected to disappear by the spring. Mr Richard Trehan, chairman of the English Country Cheese Council, said: "The demand for English cheese has increased from 49,000 tons in 1955 to 92,000 tons in 1957."



# WOMANSENSE

## A ROYAL FARMER



### Nepalese Marriage Customs

Kathmandu. Four 12-year-old Nepalese girls were recently "married" to fruits to prevent them from becoming widows.

This is an ancient custom, still practiced in Nepal, by which the fruit remains the girl's "husband", even though the latter takes a human shape.

It means that even if her human husband dies, she is not considered a widow, and escapes the ignominy of widowhood with a full complement of shaved head, shawl

clothes and humble position of servant to the rest of the family.

The ceremony of marriage to a fruit of the local tree is similar to a normal Hindu marriage ceremony, performed by a priest before the ritual fire—only the "bridegrooms" sit on dower-decked dishes at the feet of the brides.

After the ceremony, the brides must take good care of their "husbands", and since the fruit is almost imperishable, they can well expect that their "husbands" will outlive them—Heater.

### JACOBY on BRIDGE

WHEN General George jumped to three hearts he knew he was overbidding a little but George likes to overbid and give his opponents a chance to set him.

There was no problem about North's race to game or about West's opening lead of the king of clubs.

George was generous enough to let West hold that trick. He even the next lead of the suit, came to his own hand by ruffing a third club and led a low trump.

West played the nine and George smiled sweetly at him and remarked: "What a nice little card. Anyone else would play the queen from dummy, but I

NORTH 11		EAST	
AKJ7	Q5	K1052	QK
K862	Q5	K1052	QK
A53	Q5	K1052	QK
WEST (D)		EAST	
983	Q5	K1052	QK
A109	Q5	K1052	QK
QJ3	Q5	K1052	QK
KQJ10	Q5	K1052	QK
SOUTH		EAST	
64	Q5	K1052	QK
J876432	Q5	K1052	QK
A7	Q5	K1052	QK
94	Q5	K1052	QK
No one vulnerable		EAST	
West North East South		K1052	QK
1 4 Double 2 3		K1052	QK
Pass 4 Pass Pass		K1052	QK
Opening lead—K		K1052	QK

### Q-CARD Sense

Q-The bidding has been: East South West North 1 4 Double 2 3 Pass

You, South, hold: AKJ97 VAQ84 AJ52 AQ What do you do?

A-Bid four diamonds. You certainly want to be in game, but want to leave the matter open in case your partner wants to bid one.

### TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding has started the same way as in the previous question. You, South, hold: AQ2 VA4 AQ10533 AQJ6 What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

### YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

BORN on the first day of the century, you are ruled by Jupiter, Capricorn, you are wise and fortunate in your decisions and have the makings of a philosopher and counselor. Yet you also have an alert, business mind and can plan things on a large scale. No one is apt to get ahead of you on any negotiations, for you are sharp and at times even shrewd in your bargaining. You may be slow in making up your mind, but once you have made a decision, it is a wise one and it will stick. You have a vivid imagination but as a rule you keep it well under control. You do have a gift, especially when young, of building castles in the air, but you also have a practical person who likes to see ideas made real. With you, ideas speak more loudly than words. You are inclined to act first and then talk about it. Consequently, your activities often come as a surprise to those who

think that because you are not saying anything, you are not doing anything. You have a certain dramatic ability, but whether you will use this professionally on the stage or utilize your gift in the field of literature or on the lecture platform will largely depend upon your training and experience in life. Among those born on this date are Joseph Smith, Mormon founder; George McClellan, founder of Jefferson Medical College; Samuel Smiles, Scottish physician, educator and author; Rene Basin, French author. To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"In presenting you this little gift, I just want to say that we're so happy to have you for a past president!"

PRINCESS MARGRETHE, heir to the Danish throne, who following her 18th birthday this year (1958) is gradually taking on more responsibilities in the Royal household, is now known to people in Denmark as their "farming Princess."

The tall, fair-haired young Princess with the ready smile has now begun to come far more into the limelight, not just as the King's elder daughter, but as a future Queen.

During the absence of King Frederick and Queen Ingrid on a fortnight's holiday in Italy in November, the Princess acted as Regent. She performed her public duties, including the launching of a new ferry-boat for use on the service to Sweden, with the vivacious charm which Danes have come to expect of her.

Princess Margrethe's private life is not one long whirl of dances and parties. She loves to be out of doors. And now one of her most absorbing interests is to be "down on the farm"—her own farm—in the agricultural heart of Zealand, eastward of Copenhagen, on the islands, on which the capital stands.

The farm, complete with livestock, was among many presents received by the Princess on her 18th birthday. It was given her, free of debt, by Danish farmers.

### UNDULATING

It stands in pleasantly undulating, wooded countryside near Ringsted, about 45 miles from Copenhagen and is quite close to a former Royal residence.

Although the crown once possessed about 40 per cent of all land in Denmark, no Sovereign since Frederick VII (1848-63) has personally owned a farm.

Such interest has been aroused by this latest Royal farm that it has been found necessary to put up a sign which is most unusual

### RED ROOFS

Nordgarden, with its white-washed walls and red roofs, displays quite a fortuitously the national colours.

The donors, however, did not wish the Princess to have an artificial showpiece but a proper farm, presenting all the difficulties which other farmers have to overcome.

The King and Queen were informed of the plan in advance and inspected the chosen farm with almost as much pleasure as Princess Margrethe, when she took possession a month after her birthday.

The quality of the soil is roughly that of neighbouring



Princess Margrethe of Denmark in a non-farming mood.—Central Press.

farmsteads—not outstandingly good. It is a general mixed farm, relying on the use of its

Each year, about 200 pigs will be delivered from the Princess's farm to the local co-operative bacon factory. Soon, poultry will also be introduced.

Day-to-day running of the farm has been entrusted to a young manager and his wife, Mr and Mrs Jørgen Pilegaard, assisted by a herdsman, a farm-hand and a maid. But the Princess will spend as much time there as she can.

In addition to her small staff of workers, she will actually have as "partners" 20 per cent of all Danes—the entire rural population—who share many special services here, and work together to speed up common aims.

The Princess has already joined the local agricultural society, and like all other farmers, she can, by picking up a telephone, get quick and expert advice on any subjects such as vegetable crops, cattle breeding, or farm accounts.

A veterinary surgeon calls regularly at the Royal farm to inspect the livestock, and the yield of each cow is recorded by the local milk society.

### FEEDING

The Princess, through her farm, is in fact, feeding about 225 people. Since two-thirds of Danish bacon, eggs and milk are exported, a large proportion of the people eating the produce of the Princess's farm and those of her farmer neighbours are British and German.

Life on a farm well suits the Princess, who has always been noted for her good health and out-of-doors interests. She loves swimming, and is still an excellent and keen long distance runner, a sport at which she excelled as a schoolgirl. For several weeks last summer, she joined other Danish girls of her age group in a Women's Air Corps camp at a Danish air force base.

She will bring a practical, down-to-earth outlook to the running of this new royal farm. Are financial prospects? For "farmer Margrethe"—as people

call her here—and her colleagues bright? About two years ago, one could have said they were. But the Princess has taken over her farm at a tricky period in Danish agricultural history.

Before a marketing crisis set in last year, the owner of a farm like Nordgarden could make a profit of about 25,000 kroner (about £1,250 sterling) a year—not tremendous earnings even then.

Nowadays, the Danish farmer has to be very much on his toes to make a good living, with increasing competition in dairy produce from other countries.

### PRODUCTION

From the money point of view, there is little cause to envy Margrethe and her farmer neighbours, considering the labour which has to be put into agricultural production.

Denmark has had to struggle for years against policies of protection, Government subsidies and guaranteed prices with which most European, and some South American countries have supported their own farming industries.

So the Danish farmer has to work hard the year round. But he likes it. A well-known farmer here said recently: "It is not only a vocation, but a way of life." And an old farmer's song says: "We would not change it for that of kings." Princess Margrethe has taken the song at its word—while still remaining a most gracious Queen of the future.

—John Chadwick

### Household Hints

Select a few good quality pots and pans rather than a quantity of cheap ones. Choose those that are easy to clean, care for and store.

Grated orange rind mixed with tea gives it a special and exotic flavour.

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

#### An Exciting Adventure

—Chris Cricket Gets Chased By A Lion—

By MAX TRELL

"I HAD quite an adventure yesterday afternoon," said Christopher Cricket.

He had just come out from behind the loose brick in the fireplace where he was preparing to spend the winter. Seeing Knarf and Hanid, the two Shadow children with the Turned-About Names, sitting on the back steps of the house in the pleasant morning sunshine Chris had decided to join them.

#### Crossed His Legs

"Now about this adventure of mine," Chris began again, as he crossed five or six of his legs, "I don't suppose you'd care to hear about it."

"Of course we would!" exclaimed Hanid.

Knarf simply said: "Was it really an adventure, Chris? I mean was it exciting?"

"Oh, not very exciting," Chris replied. "I was only chased by a Lion, that's all."

Here Knarf and Hanid each let out a yell of surprise.

"That's right," said Christopher. "And after I was chased by a Lion, I jumped on the back

of a Tiger. Then I climbed a tree with a Monkey and I slid down a Giraffe's neck."

#### Tell All

By this time, Knarf and Hanid were so worked up about Christopher's mysterious adventure that they begged him to start from the beginning and tell them all about it.

"So after uncrossing his legs and recrossing them another way, Christopher began:

"Well, it was a fine afternoon yesterday, so I took my guitar and got on a bus and sat myself down under an empty seat. By and by I heard the driver call out: 'Next stop, the Zoo!'

"I got off the bus and went into the zoo along with a crowd of girls and boys and other people. I thought it would be a good idea to play my guitar for some of the animals who live there."

#### Taking A Nap

"Finally, I came to the cage where the Lion was living. A crowd of people were pressed up against the bars—or as near to the bars as they could get—looking at the Lion. Only he wasn't looking at them. He seemed to be taking a nap in the far corner of the cage."

"Pardon me," I said to the people, as I pushed my way in through the bars. I sat myself down on a bit of wood right close to the Lion. Then I started to play a song on my guitar, for I thought that would be a pleasant way to start waking him up."

"What happened?" asked Knarf.

"He didn't like it," said Christopher. "He leaped up with a roar and started chasing me around the cage. I didn't waste



The Lion leaped at Chris with a roar.

any time. I sprang into the next cage."

"Who was in the next cage?" asked Hanid.

#### Didn't Like Him

"A Tiger!" said Christopher. "He didn't like me any more than the Lion did. Luckily, I got out of his way, too, and got into the third cage."

"And here I had a wonderful time. I sprang on a Monkey's shoulder. He climbed up a tree with me. I sprang with him from branch to branch. It was wonderful!"

"Then I got into the fourth cage where the Giraffe lived. I spent the rest of the afternoon sliding down his neck. It was like sliding down a wonderful banister."

"The last thing I did before I left the zoo and came home again was to play my guitar for a whole family of Seals. You should have seen how they danced to my music, clapping their flippers and singing and turning somersaults into the water of their tank!"

Knarf and Hanid agreed that Christopher Cricket's adventure had really been an exciting one.

#### Rupert and the Carved Stick—45



Edward cheerfully at Rupert's words. "You that boulder's not too big," he says. "Let's see if it will move. It may be hiding the secret. There seems to be nothing else to do." He leans against it and then tries pushing hard with his head, but nothing happens.



"It's too heavy for us," says Rupert. "Let's go down and tell the gentleman what we've found so far. But Edward is obstinate when he gets an idea in his mind and he insists on staying to get his breath back. I'll have another shot soon," he puffs.

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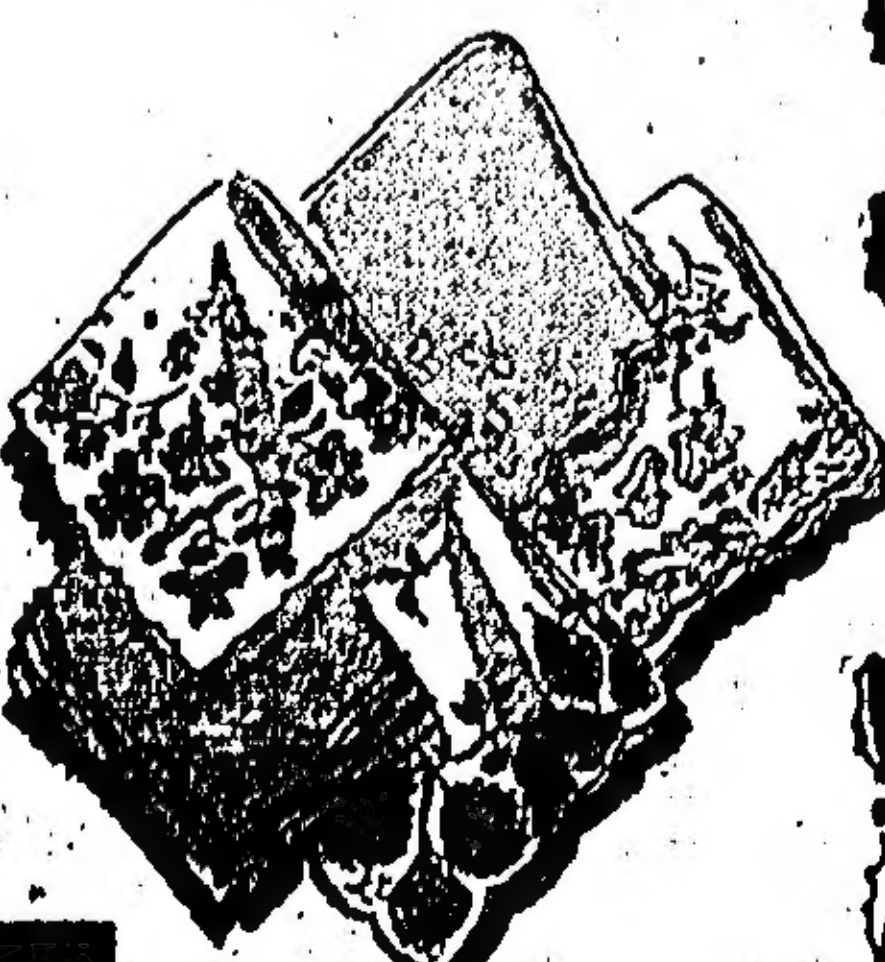
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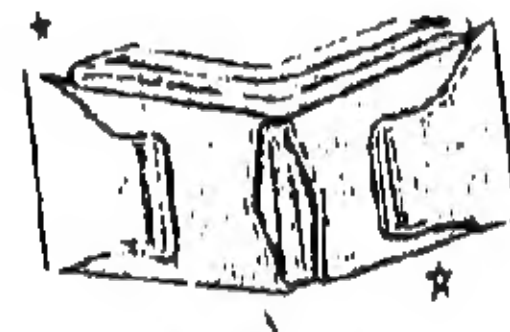
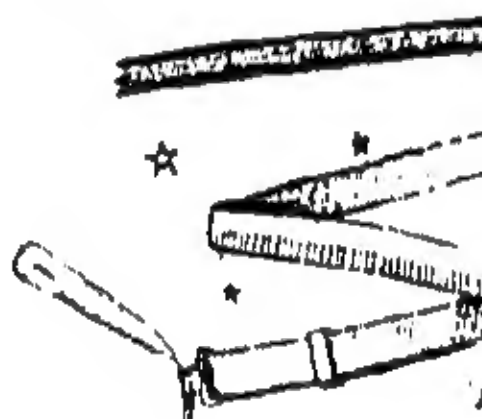
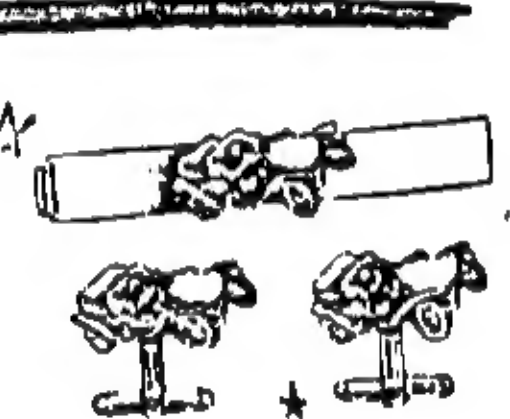
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## 1958 WORLD SPORTS REVIEW

Elliott Leads The Year's  
Top Athletes Into  
A New Era

Paris, Dec. 22.

Whilst man-made satellites hurtled from the earth to perform their celestial orbits, four-limbed men and women succeeded in breaking their earthly barriers as they sped round tracks or across swimming pools and battled on the canvas during the 1958 sports year.

Living on dried fruit and nuts, as his fuel for burning up world middle distance records, Australia's wonder miler Herb Elliott slashed the one mile distance timing down to 3 mins 54.5 secs and then crashed the metric mile with 3 mins 36 secs.

Elliott may go down in the annals of sports as the athlete of all time. Daily in and out of season, he tortures himself with a training programme previously believed beyond human endurance and proves "hatred of any man who runs against me" can succeed in modern athletics. It is a fury from the all-round gentleman athlete of the not so distant past—but like it or not the Elliott philosophy is here to stay. He has revolutionised running.

Elliott is foremost in staking the claim of the Australian population (not yet 10,000,000) to world prominence in sport. But also from the Spartan continent are the Australian "water babies" John Konrads and his sister Lisa. John has opened up another swimming era by retaining 12 titles over 1,650 yards among a long series of triumphs. Girl swimmers Dawn Fraser also added the crushing Australian superiority in the swimming baths of the world with her 1 min 12 sec over the women's 100 metres free-style.

## Aussie Monopoly

She now plans to break the minute barrier. With the exception of the 200 metres held by Japan's Tsuboshi Yamanaka all the five-style records are an Australian monopoly held by Konrads and John Devitt for the men and Dawn Fraser, Lorraine Crapp and Lisa Konrads for the women.

The old order of sport has heard its death knell in 1958.

Currie Cup  
Cricket In  
S. Africa

Johnannesburg, Dec. 22. An unknown 11 by Tony Pithey, the young Springbok opening bat, enabled Rhodesia to draw with Transvaal in their Currie Cup cricket match here today.

Transvaal gained a first innings lead of 130 but their attack of four pace bowlers could not dislodge Pithey, who batted for seven hours, 20 minutes and hit 17 fours. Scores were: Rhodesia 202 and 312 for seven; Transvaal 237 for nine declared.—China Mail Special.



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## GONZALES DIVORCED BY WIFE

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.

Tennis star Richard (Pancho) Gonzales was divorced today by his attractive, dark-haired wife.

"This is the most important match he ever lost," superior judge Burnett Wolfson said in granting the decree. "You didn't lose it, he did."

Mrs Henrietta Gonzales (28) said her husband, the world's top-ranking professional tennis player, telephoned her from New York last June. She said "He wasn't happy and he wasn't coming home any more."

Mrs Gonzales will retain custody of the three children, Richard, Jr. (10), Michael (8) and Daniel (7) described by the judge as "the three best fans he ever had."

A property settlement calls for Mrs Gonzales to retain the family residence here, plus \$900 monthly in alimony, \$300 a month in child support, an automobile and \$50,000 life insurance policy.

Gonzales and his wife married in 1948 at Yuma, Arizona.—U.P.I.

Hogan Kid Dassey, the Nigerian boy has frequently been in action and has acquitted himself with honour. The heavyweights division, however, has seen little action. Reigning champion Floyd Patterson is big business and the last four of five months have been marked with interminable wrangling as to who he should meet. Someone has called him the "Hot House Champ."

## Rise Of Europeans

But for once the European heavyweights—er as long dubbed the horizontal heavyweights—are seriously in business.

The Swedish block-buster Ingemar Johansson is universally accepted number one challenger after his round one KO decision over Eddie Machen, London and Henry Cooper scored telling defeats of world ranked American Willie Pastrann and Zora Foley.

In Europe boxing pin-up boy Bibi Scholz of Germany earned crown with a decision over France's long-reigning Charles Humez.

Prominent also has been the rise of the Orient in the flyweight-featherweight classes. Both Japan and the Philippines are breeding a fine generation of pocket-sized glove throwers in the finest traditions of the noble art.

Though Argentine's Pascual Perez reigns as the undisputed world flyweight champion, he was amply tested by the tiny Filipino, Domy Ustua over 15 rounds.

In cycling Luxembourg's Charly Gaul won the marvellous cycling classic known as the Tour De France.

Brazilian Triumph  
In football the Brazilian triumph was the big highlight. Pelé and Garrincha became the world heroes of schoolboys of every race and colour.

Sweden, thanks to her "emigre" footballers from Italy were honourable runners-up. France was third but the British Isles which gave birth to the 11-a-side code with four teams, Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland were outclassed both in team play and soccer science.

The car-racing industry is bearing the brunt of a newly discovered acquaintanceship on the part of the cash-paying sports public which if anything is hurting the sport.

## Groat Future

Three crack drivers were killed—Luigi Musso, Britain's Peter Collins and fellow countryman Lewis Evans.

Nevertheless the high-octane sport, despite pessimism, has a great future, and despite the new engine rating ruling which will lower the capacity of formula one cars to 1,600 cc maximum. Incidentally, Hawthorn, the retired champion did not win one of the Grand Prix classes—but owed his crown to regular performances.

His more colourful fellow countryman Stirling Moss was world champion runner-up with victories in the Argentine, in Holland, in Portugal and in Mexico.

Now let's turn finally to the sports which rarely make the headlines.

The Soviets were the victors of the world Graeco-Roman wrestling championships at Budapest and the Japanese confirmed their legendary supremacy in judo at the Tokyo World Championships.

Champions Since '54  
Hungary won the European tennis table championships and the Swedes claimed the world seven-a-side handball championship, which they have held since 1954.

In fencing the Russians physically superb and technically immaculate carried off many titles.

In weightlifting the muscle men of the Soviet Union pressed, snatched and heaved and jerked their way to world supremacy at the Stockholm World Championships at the expense of the Americans.

The Russians were also supreme in the 14th World Gymnastic Championships at Moscow. This year, 1958, nearly at its end, has seen tremendous strides in sport. Its internationalisation is inevitable as is the specialisation of athletes. A new era is being born.—France-Press.

Sailer Hopes To  
Answer Charges  
Personally

Kitzbuehel, Tyrol, Dec. 22. World and triple Olympic ski champion Toni Sailer today said he hoped for special leave from his film company to appear before the Status Commission of the International Ski Federation to answer charges that he has abused his amateur status.

Sailer made this statement today when he opened his family hotel here.

He is making a film, the first reels of which will be taken on the Alps early in 1959. The film containing ski sequences will be called "Twelve Girls and a Boy."

Sailer is accused of exploiting his sports name among other things in film making. He is due to appear before the Commission on January 12 at Wenger, Switzerland.—France-Press.

MCC Team For  
Match With  
S. Australia

Adelaide, Dec. 22.

Willie Watson, the Leicestershire batsman, is given another opportunity to establish himself before the second Test by being included in the MCC side for the game against South Australia here, which starts on Wednesday.

In the absence of Peter May, who is resting himself, the side will be led by Colin Cowdrey.

The team is: Colin Cowdrey, Peter Richardson, Willie Watson, Frank Tyson, Tom Graveney, Ted Dexter, Arthur Milton, Tony Lock, Freddie Trueman, Roy Swainman, John Mortimore.

Fred Bennett  
Dead

London, Dec. 22.

Mr Fred Bennett, one of the greatest figures in British motoring history, was found dead today in his room at the Royal Automobile Club, London, where he lived. He was 65.

Mr Bennett, a former Vice-Chairman of the Club, was responsible for the introduction in Europe of the electric starter on cars and for other revolutionary improvements.—China Mail Special.

## Sports Diary

TODAY

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# These Are My Soccer Memories Of 1958 BUT WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR THE NEW YEAR?

As 1958 moves towards its close, its time, before the curtain falls, to conjure up the Soccer memories of the old year.

I can remember few years more filled with the stuff that memories are made of. We've seen tragedy and triumph, great names fading and young giants arising, anti-climax and just once or twice real greatness.

When 1958 opened, I was convinced that it was to be dominated by Manchester United.

For under Matt Busby, they were maturing into perhaps the finest club side of my time. Nothing seemed beyond them.

Were the FA Cup, the European Cup and the League Championship to fall before them? All these questions, of course, were answered in the Munich disaster. For me, this was a personal tragedy. Among the dead were so many of my friends and team-mates. Men such as Roger Byrne, Duncan Edwards, Tommy Taylor and Frank Swift.

But out of disaster came perhaps a greater story. The United came within touching distance of winning the Cup and writing a come-back story which would have had no peers in the realm of sport.

## New Star

For the hour found the men and miraculously a new bunch of stars grew up almost overnight at Old Trafford. None shone brighter than Bobby Charlton, one of the most electrifying personalities to hit the soccer scene for years.

He has already played some great games for England. But I still think that we have not seen the best of Bobby Charlton. As Manchester United's Cup bid failed at the final hurdle, it was the turn of Bolton and their captain Nat Lofthouse to capture the headlines.

At Wembley, Nat recaptured former glories with a display that rakes alongside those of Stanley Matthews and Don

## TOM FINNEY

Reveals the greatest personal Cup triumph of the post-war years.

I talked to Nat shortly before that final and went away feeling I wouldn't like to face him in that mood. I had never seen him more determined or more confident.

So ended the 1957-8 season. Wolves under Billy Wright had swept away with the League Championship. Sunderland had been relegated for the first time in their proud history.

## Supremacy Clinched

And on the Continent, Real Madrid had clinched their supremacy by winning the European Cup. Their forward line of Kopa, Fontaine, di Stefano, Puskas and Choseni was already being described as the finest club attack in the history of football.

For me, the summer proved no resting-time. Almost before it had begun, I was Europe-bound with the England team for a warming-up tour in preparation for the World Cup at Gothenburg.

Our fortunes were mixed. We were badly beaten by Yugoslavia and then we drew with Russia. What was our true form?

The world at large looked back to the high noon of our successes and decided that the Belgrade result was just too bad to be true.

And so we arrived in Gothenburg, hailed by the sports writers as joint favourites with Russia and Brazil.

But I think by then most of us had no illusions. Although we were determined to fight until we dropped, we realised that on form we were not in the first six nations.

## Much To Remember

The draw, alongside Russia and Brazil, certainly didn't favour us. After our quick exit from the competition, we watched the might of the sides who had overtaken us—the brave new world of Soccer.

There was so much to remember... the high-scoring Frenchmen, Kopa and Fontaine... the Swedish veterans flown in from the Italian League... the rugged Germans... a brief glimpse of the old-time Hungary... and, of course, the Brazilian magic of Garrincha, Pele and Didi.

Although we returned disappointed from Gothenburg, we realised that we had seen a new and up-to-date textbook on Soccer. And we intended to learn the lesson fast.

When the current season opened, English football was

## OFF THE CUFF

I hear that there is a strong feeling inside football that Manchester United's ALBERT QUILL is heading for another England cap.

According to JOHN CHARLES, the big signing spree in Italian League football is ending.

DEREK TAPSCOTT is taking over the mantle of TREVOR FORD at Cardiff. It will be no surprise if Manchester City's BOBBY JOHNSTONE returns to help Aberdeen in their relegation struggle.

under a cloud and, in the first few weeks, there seemed little sign of it being blown away. Wolves began slowly and no club seemed ready to take over the mantle of the pre-Munich Manchester United.

Russia arrived. And with everyone quite prepared for another disaster, we romped home, immediately the optimists were predicting that we were heading once more for the heights.

## Overrated Side

They were being rash, Russia are one of the most overrated of all international sides. We have a long way to go before we overhaul sides such as France and Brazil.

Elsewhere in British football, there has been much to note. Arsenal, under new manager George Swindin, are threatening to recapture their legendary past.

Stanley Matthews has defied his critics once again with some performances reminiscent of his palmy days. Huddersfield's young forward Dennis Law has written the opening pages of what will surely be one of the success stories of modern-day football.

And Billy Wright heads towards his hundredth cap without a rival for his England berth in sight.

But I have the feeling that the season is only just unfolding and that the stage is really being set for the New Year.

## Newcastle's Year

Will Newcastle set the Tyne alight once more along the road to Wembley? Will Arsenal add their name once more to the championship roll?

And will Matt Busby see the flame he kindled in Scottish football blaze on to triumph in the international championship? These are questions which pinpoint the high promise of the year ahead.

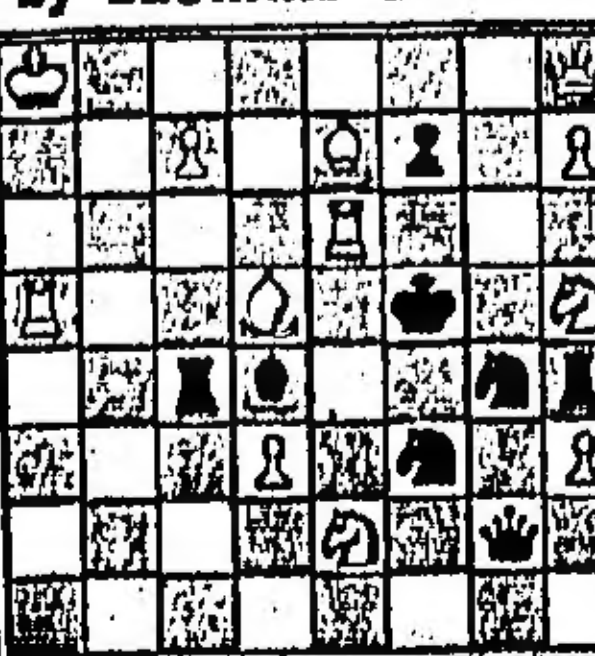
## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

LUIS CARNIGLIA (Real Madrid trainer asked whether Brazil's 4-2-4 formation accounted for their World Cup victory): That team would have won if they'd played 11 goalkeepers.

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## CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by F. Poter... (Arboret-Skak... 1819). White to play and mate in two moves.

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23**  
By Air  
Thailand, Burma, India, 4 p.m.  
Korea, 4 p.m.  
Canada, U.S.A., 6 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.  
South Africa, 6 p.m.  
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BIBLE THOUGHTS  
FOR TODAY

I have a secret errand  
unto thee, O King.—Judges  
3:19.

We feel important when  
we have important con-  
fidences, and when we con-  
fer with important people.  
Christ taught that kindness  
to the humblest was kind-  
ness to Him. That is really  
important.

Free Radio Bible Service,  
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## NOTICE

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The Vehicular Ferry Ser-  
vice will be extended up to  
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## CHRISTMAS—

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End Of The Pro  
Quiz  
Man

HERE is a twentieth-century tragedy. Here is a glamour boy, whizzed  
to glory and unbelievable riches from his dreary routine world, now  
left high and dry.

Here, in St. Louis, Missouri, is Mr. Teddy Nadler, the world's only full-time  
professional answerer of questions on television quizzes.

As all big money U.S. tele-  
vision quizzes are now extinct,  
so is Mr. Nadler's profession.  
Two years ago Nadler was a  
U.S. Air Force clerk. He earned  
a steady 70 dollars (\$25) a  
week. He was unhappy, mis-  
understood, frustrated — and  
alone.

Came the golden bonanza,  
Nadler was discovered, and  
started for 18 months on the  
\$4,000-dollar question.

He quit his clerk's job. He  
got into the habit of quizzes.  
He earned more in two  
months than he had earned  
in two months. The world  
was his oyster.

When the \$4,000-dollar ques-  
tion came, Nadler moved  
off to different quarters. He  
trained constantly, hired a  
research staff to feed him with  
quiz knowledge. His career  
looked bright, an upward path  
of more and more money —  
which he spent like water.

Came the crash, as you all  
know. Some American TV  
quizzes were accused of being  
crooked. And in some places  
the dirt stuck. None stuck on  
Nadler, no one has suggested he  
was anything but honest in his  
quiz appearances.

But the quizzes were pulled  
off the air. And Nadler, now  
49, has nowhere to go.

So will he live on the money  
from his investments? "I  
spent the money, paid for  
my house, new car, and I got  
three kids to send to school.  
And my wife learned first how  
to spend money. She's pretty  
good at that."

A bitter man, Teddy Nadler,  
He's got nothing to do, nowhere  
to go. He's unhappy, misunder-  
stood — and insecure.

## Easy takings

**JOHN PUTERBAUGH**, of  
Detroit, won 70,000 dollars  
(\$25,000) in sweepstakes six  
months ago. Then began the  
easy takings.

The tax collector took 34,000  
dollars (\$12,000). A sharp  
Catholic took 7,000 dollars  
(\$2,500). His new girl friend,  
Daisy, took his name in

## Not positive

IT was, if you remember, a  
calendar which first placed  
Marilyn Monroe in the public  
gaze. A nude calendar.

She starred on one of  
these glossy, colourful affairs  
that for years have been  
issues of American folk art.  
Well, that is all over. The  
door is slammed in the face of  
starlets who may want to follow  
this path to fame.

It has been decided, it seems,  
that the nude calendar — like the  
loud tie, the over-stuffed  
chromium-plated automobile,  
the Stetson hat — is not in  
keeping with the modern,  
respectable U.S.

Mr. Jay F. Shaw, vice-  
president of the Shaw Barlow  
Company — second largest  
calendar firm in the U.S. — has  
unveiled his 1959 models to the  
trade.

And there is not a nude  
among them. For  
advertising purposes there are  
difficulties with "product  
identification."

Every man, he says, will hang  
up a nude calendar eagerly, and  
think it behind a cupboard door  
or in an out-of-the-way corner.  
He will see the advertising,  
but no one else will. With gar-  
lands of roses everyone has a

marriage, and plenty of wedding  
present.

His new bungalow in the  
suburb Detroit suburb took 15,000  
dollars (\$6,300). His clusters of  
new pals took loan after loan.  
Then, most of that money  
had been taken. After a heavy  
night's drinking with Daisy,  
John Puterbaugh drove his  
shiny car into his shiny garage,  
closed the door and, say the  
police, took his life.

Balloon's  
Designer

The "Small World", a  
46-ft. balloon, early this  
month left El Medano,  
near Tenerife in the  
Canary Islands, in an  
attempt to cross 3,000  
miles of the Atlantic.

The crew hope to cover  
this distance in any  
time between seven and  
21 days. They are, Mr.  
and Mrs. Muddie, Mr. A.  
B. Eiloart and Mr.  
Timothy Eiloart. Pic-  
ture shows Colin Muddie,  
32-year-old naval archi-  
tect, who designed the  
balloon and the car, is  
also the navigator.

## Thirsty Work

Juror Richard S. Carter was  
excused from duty the other day  
after he admitted he drank a  
can of beer submitted in evi-  
dence in a burglary trial —  
U.P.I.

**Suet elucidates**

CHARLIE SUET gave it as  
his opinion that only gross  
negligence and absent-minded-  
ness could account for Mr.  
Buddie's failure to notice a  
human face among so many  
eggs. Suet quoted a leaflet  
issued from Charlesbury Avenue  
(G.N. 4/264, d. 1/18, ex. H. 42/c.  
M. 7/p. 1278 R/328, 1. E. 17/  
21/404 U.V.). On gossip pho-  
graphy of eggs. He was about  
to read extracts from a  
pamphlet on the regional  
machinery for assembling

graded eggs with a view to  
providing photographic records,  
which could be examined for  
faws, blemishes, chips, uneven  
surfaces, discoloration, bruises,  
shell fractures, asymmetry,  
partial amorphousness, shrinkage,  
lop-sidedness, lopsidedness, and  
other peculiarities, when  
Admiral Sir Horace "Pompey"  
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Balloon's  
Designer

The "Small World", a  
46-ft. balloon, early this  
month left El Medano,  
near Tenerife in the  
Canary Islands, in an  
attempt to cross 3,000  
miles of the Atlantic.

## Thirsty Work

Juror Richard S. Carter was  
excused from duty the other day  
after he admitted he drank a  
can of beer submitted in evi-  
dence in a burglary trial —  
U.P.I.

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

ONE day the Transport Com-  
mission, faced with a £750  
million loss of revenue and a  
bill for £200 million for  
modernisation, will be en-  
powered to borrow a further  
£500 million for capital ex-  
penditure, and an additional  
£300 million to effect econo-  
mies.

The taxpayer, his withers  
wrung by this evidence of im-  
provement, will respond to  
the same compassion as that  
which he lavishes on the equally  
unfortunate Coal Board.

## Suet elucidates

CHARLIE SUET gave it as  
his opinion that only gross  
negligence and absent-minded-  
ness could account for Mr.  
Buddie's failure to notice a  
human face among so many  
eggs. Suet quoted a leaflet  
issued from Charlesbury Avenue  
(G.N. 4/264, d. 1/18, ex. H. 42/c.  
M. 7/p. 1278 R/328, 1. E. 17/  
21/404 U.V.). On gossip pho-  
graphy of eggs. He was about  
to read extracts from a  
pamphlet on the regional  
machinery for assembling

graded eggs with a view to  
providing photographic records,  
which could be examined for  
faws, blemishes, chips, uneven  
surfaces, discoloration, bruises,  
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The Factories Have  
A Habit Of  
Blowing Sky High

Bogota, Colombia.  
Big bangs are the order of the day at this time of  
year in Colombia — but not all of them are  
intended.

In ten days of November, for example, no less than three  
firework factories blew up.

The third, on November 25,  
went up with a terrific explosion  
which was heard over a large  
part of the city.

Clouds of smoke drifted up  
the mountain slope and fire  
engines rushed to the scene  
with sirens screaming, cleaving  
a way through thousands of  
people also running to the fac-  
tory site.

In the upshot, no one was  
killed and no one was hurt  
in this explosion. But the  
work of many weeks had  
been destroyed in seconds, to-  
gether with the factory and  
the owner's home.

The owner himself stood,  
stunned, amid the rubble  
near the only thing left standing  
— a primitive sign, written in  
poor spelling, warning tres-  
passers of danger.

It was the third disaster of  
the kind which this firework-  
maker has suffered in a few  
years.

**Born To It**

Each time, he has started  
again and recovered his busi-  
ness, for he just cannot give up  
the profession for which he  
seems to have been born.

Fireworks are an essential  
part of any celebration in  
Colombia, but especially so at  
Christmas.

At a house-warming party,  
there are firecrackers, or  
rockets. When there is a  
wedding, fireworks are often  
among the attractions at the  
reception.

When a church organises a  
bazaar to raise funds, fire-  
crackers and rockets cannot be  
left out.

And it is enough to give any-  
one the creeps to see how care-  
lessly people handle these  
rockets. Some years ago, even  
the Mayor of Bogota burned his  
hands badly letting one off.

But for Christmas, fireworks  
of all descriptions are an  
essential part of the fun.

## Noise Is The Thing

People start shooting them off  
at noon on December 10, when  
the Novena of Aquinaldos (the  
nine days' prayer celebrations)  
before Christmas begins.

And if it seems curious to let  
off fireworks at noon in broad  
daylight, the reason is that  
here the noise is much more  
important than their illumina-  
tive qualities.

From December 10, it goes  
on night after night, in early  
afternoon, with fireworks  
in every shape and form,  
even to tiny "aeroplanes"  
which fly at astonishing speed,  
screaming through the air  
with an ugly whistle.

And every year, many people  
are injured through carelessness  
or inept handling.

It is difficult to say how many  
thousands of pesos people  
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## TARGET

HOW many  
words of  
four letters  
or more can  
you make  
from the  
letters in the  
word below?  
The letters  
are: T, A, R, G, E, T.

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## CROSSWORD

Across  
1. Negatives. (6)  
2. Stride to light. (8)  
3. A large, heavy, dark, or black  
colour. (6)  
4. Won a victory. (6)  
5. A set out of one's (10)  
6. A large, heavy, dark, or black  
colour. (6)  
7. A large, heavy, dark, or black  
colour. (6)  
8. A large, heavy, dark, or black  
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10. A large, heavy, dark, or black  
colour. (6)

## CHINA MAIL ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

ORIENTAL: "Hercules", starring  
Steve Reeves and Sylvia  
Koscina.

## NIGHT SPOTS

## CHAMPAGNE RESTAURANT:

Rocky Fellers Combo with  
Chinese vocalists Mona Fong,  
Chan Kay and Thomas Chung  
with King Gatochian and his  
Quintet.

## PRINCESS GARDEN:

"The Mexican Spitfire" Rita Ravello,  
and the Teen-Age Rock-  
'n'-rollers featuring the  
Elvis Presley of Manila,  
Carlito.

## CARLITO ROXES:

Francisco & His Combo with  
Lita Solola, vocalist, and  
margaret Kim Littlewood.

## PARAMOUNT:

"The Mexican Spitfire" Rita Ravello,  
and the Teen-Age Rock-  
'n'-rollers featuring the  
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Carlito.

## MAJESTY:

"The Barbarian  
& the Cuckoo", starring  
John Wayne.

O'LOVER HOTEL: "Beauty and  
the Beast" with gorilla King  
Kong.

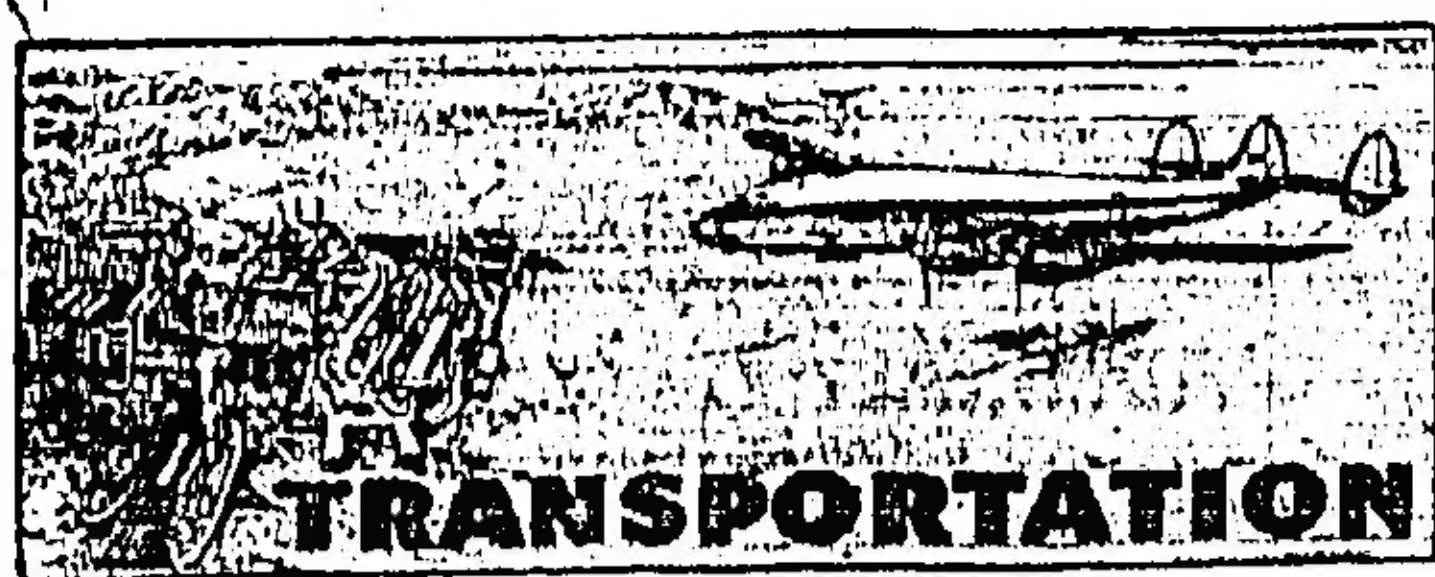
## RADIO HONGKONG

5.30 p.m. Not for Squares:  
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## TELEVISION

5 p.m. "The Big Game Show":  
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## TRANSPORTATION

Proofed Nylon For  
Barge Covers

FOR 15 months a 160-ton Thomas barge has been using nylon covers. Although they weigh about half as much as conventional covers, making handling much easier—they are tough and never require reproofing.

Even after 15 months service they are still in excellent condition, say British Nylon Spinners Ltd.

The Hydrex proofed nylon fabric weighs 10 oz/sq. yd., so that a 24 ft. square cover can be handled by one man. The fabric is impermeable giving perfect protection to the goods underneath, and the Maritime Lighthouse Co. Ltd. report that there has been no trouble from condensation even when carrying cargoes such as sugar and meal.

Proofed nylon is easy to clean with identification marks which remain clearly legible throughout the life of the covers. They are not soiled and unaffected by salt water. The proofed nylon covers have never been attacked by birds.

Forecasting To Keep  
Pace With Jet Age

Washington, Dec. 22. The Weather Bureau announced plans today to expand its forecasting service next month for aviation to keep pace with the jet age.

The Bureau said aviation forecasts will cover conditions up to 45,000 feet, more than doubling the present range of 20,000 feet.

It also will open a new era of transmission of wind flow charts specially tailored for very high altitude flying.

## JETLINERS

Jet airliners, already in service in the U.S., England and Europe, normally fly between 20,000 and 35,000 feet. Conventional propeller-driven aircraft fly between 10,000 and 20,000 feet.

The new weather charts will be used by pilots to help them to avoid bad weather conditions along any route over North America, the Arctic Ocean and the Southern Hemisphere, portions of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. U.P.I.

Limited Recovery  
On Freight Market

THE shipping freight market has staged a certain recovery and the October figure for the British Chamber of Shipping's freight index is the highest for the year.

The index for all items now stands at 70.4 compared with a level of 62.7 last April. At the present level freight rates for most commodities allow vessels to make some operating profit, though not a sufficient profit to provide fully for depreciation.

The future of rates must depend on a number of different factors. There is the general level of world trade to be considered. In 1959 world trade between industrial countries should be rising again, but that is not the factor on which shipping mainly depends. Far more important for freight purposes are the bulk cargoes.

There is less reason to expect any sharp improvement in the level of freight rates than in the case of bulk commodities. The coal market may not improve at all. The international movement of road could even diminish with the running out of contracts.

## IMPORTANT FACTOR

Another important factor is the level of freight rates at which ships will be brought back into service. Since the middle of this year the volume of shipping, British and foreign-owned, laid up in British ports has been fairly stable at around 5 million tons. Present freight rates, even after their recovery, do not in general tempt shipowners to bring their ships back into employment.

If rates were to rise somewhat further, then redeployment of some vessels might become important. Immediately that puts a ceiling on any rise in prices, and until the surplus fleet is taken up or broken up by sale or conversion, it is possible that ship rates will not yet be rising. Owners of wartime tonnage, however, are still willing to sell them for much less than £120,000 as against a ship value of about £70,000.

## THE SURPLUS

Most of these ships, except for some bought second-hand during the war boom in freight, have long ago been sold at a loss. There is always a chance that they will be able to scrape along on some competing ports, and in some cases that can do so today. Unfortunately, it keeps them out of the market. This surplus, which also makes it unlikely that the proposed international trade union boycott of flag-of-convenience shipping will have any violent effect on freight rates.

## UK Vs COMMON MARKET

Big Guns Are  
Moved Up To  
Forward Area

From RONALD BOXALL

London, Dec. 22. There are just a few days of 1958 left—a few days for Britain to enjoy equal trading opportunities with her partners in Western Europe.

At the six countries of the Common Market will find themselves into a tight trading group offering a little advantage to each other's exports. Britain will be on the outside looking in.

Despite public protestations that while there are talks there is hope, British officials are saying privately that all hope has been abandoned of reaching agreement on a Free Trade Area to be associated with the Common Market.

## Deadlock

The ministerial talks failed to break the deadlock last week. France rejected the British proposal that the 17 countries of OEEC should exchange all concessions agreed on by the six Common Market countries. Britain's spokesman thereupon spoke of possible reprisals, and the French representative chose to interpret his remarks as a threat. The meeting dissolved in an uproar.

Once again the hour of decision has been postponed—this time until January 16, two weeks after the Common Market is due to start business.

So the situation is this: six Common Market countries—France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—have agreed to reduce their tariff by 10 per cent on goods traded between themselves and to extend this concession to imports from all the members of OEEC. They will also increase by 10 per cent their quotas of imports from each other. This concession will be extended to the remaining 11 OEEC countries.

## Concession

But the third concession will be confined to the six Common Market countries alone. This provides that country's import quota of the particular goods is less than three per cent of its own production of those goods, will forthwith raise the quota to that level.

Britain's offer to match this concession appears to have been

received favourably by five of the Common Market countries. The exception was France and the five prefer to go along with her rather than risk a split in their carefully nurtured association.

The French attitude in all this is vital—and it is fundamentally different from that taken by Britain. Britain's concern has all along been to safeguard her own export trade. This is perfectly legitimate, but insistence on it arouses resentment of Frenchmen who have been persuaded to accept the Common Market not for any mere economic advantage but as a part of a grand political strategy.

Economically, France has never had any real liking for the Common Market idea. Her industrialists would far rather continue to enjoy their present degree of protection against foreign imports than open their domestic market to competition of foreign industries that are in many cases more efficient than their own.

## Sacrifice

But France is prepared to make a "sacrifice" in order to achieve her political aim. Having been invaded twice in the living memory by German armies, Frenchmen are naturally in the favour of anything that might prevent a repetition of these disasters. And means they have chosen is to integrate France and Germany so closely that they will be economically that another war between them would be virtually impossible.

France feels she has made enough sacrifice in this prize-worthy cause, and that now it is the turn of other countries to shoulder their share of burden. Britain's "commercial" attitude seems to Frenchmen to be a complete anticlimax to the underlying aims of the Common Market, and they regard Britain's attempts to append a Free Trade Area to it as a typical piece of self-seeking by a "nation of shopkeepers."

This does Britain less than justice. She is not able to join the Common Market as a full partner because of her obligations to her Commonwealth but that does not mean she is out to break it. But if Britain cannot join the other six industrial powers in their bold venture she can at least try to ensure that she is not hurt by her enforced exclusion.

The French motives on the other hand are not as blameless as her politicians would like the others to believe. It is true that France has openly invited competition in her domestic market in order to further a common political aim. But the balance of the advantage has been nicely calculated. The additional competition of the British goods would upset the scale and turn the French industrialists against the whole project.

## Sympathise

The other continental powers in the Common Market sympathise with Britain's attitude—but not to the extent that they are prepared to support it in the face of French opposition.

It is impossible to say what will happen next. Of course the governments concerned will go trying to reach an agreement. But hope is dwindling and in some quarters it has been abandoned.

The possibility must be faced that Western Europe will be divided into two rival trade camps. There will be a clear-cut division of the world into two camps. If this happens, Times commented last week, nobody can tell where it will end.

Meanwhile talks have begun between the British and French industrialists aimed at forming a "trading association" between Britain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Austria and Switzerland. There is said to be government support for the idea.

Which seems to imply that if war has not already begun, at least the big guns are being moved up to the forward area.—London Express Service.

HONGKONG  
STOCK  
EXCHANGE

## Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$144,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HSK Bank	700	600	5 of 0.02 1/2
INSURANCES			
Union	70	71 1/2	
Lombard	28		
SHIPPING			
Waterland	21.50		
Wheelock	5.50		
DOCKERS, ETC.			
Dock	4 1/2	45	200 1/2
			100 1/2
			100 1/2
			100 1/2

Provident, 11.90 12.20

LAND, ETC.

HSK Hotel, 21.40 21.80 1000 1/2 21 1/2

HSK Hotel, 30 30 1/2 120 1/2 30 1/2

HSK Hotel, 1.40 1.50

HSK Hotel, 1.70 1.75 5000 1/2 1 1/2

HSK Hotel, 1.80 1.85

HSK Hotel, 2.00 2.05

HSK Hotel, 20.20 20.50

HSK Hotel, 100 100 1/2

HSK Hotel, 10 10 1/2

HSK Hotel, 24.70 24.80 500 1/2 24 7/8

HSK Hotel, 9.15

HSK Hotel, 24.50 24.60 600 1/2 24 5/8

HSK Hotel, 7.50 7.60 800 1/2 7 5/8

HSK Hotel, 10.10 10.20

HSK Hotel, 12.50 12.60 100 1/2 12 5/8

HSK Hotel, 1.40 1.45

HSK Hotel, 3.45

HSK Hotel, 6.50

HSK Hotel, 3.20

LONDON  
CLOSES  
FIRM

London, Dec. 22. The stock market closed generally firm today.

The sharp break in prices of many oil stocks was on the news that Venezuela plans to take a bigger tax bite from foreign oil profits.

Selective buying firmed many industrial issues, particularly steel. Several engineering and electrical shares also turned in a good performance.

Stocks of oil companies with heavy investments in Venezuela skidded sharply. Selling was moderate but prices were sharply lower. A precautionary move. Ultramar, the speculators' favourite, dropped 10 shillings at one point but recovered slightly closing seven shillings lower. Shell Transport and Royal Dutch were also sharply lower. British Petroleum with interests mostly in the Mid-East, held steady.

Coppers eased but gold stocks were firm.

Greece firmed higher in a selectively firm foreign bond market.—U.P.I.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per £1) 0.76 Sterling notes (per £1) 15.90 Australian notes (per £1) 12.75 Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 0.70 Siam baht (per 100) 26.70 Singapore (Straits) 1.82

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Arr:	Shimizu	26th January	12.00 mid-night
Dep:	Shimizu	27th January	4.00 p.m.
Arr:	Kobe	28th January	7.00 a.m.
Dep:	Kobe	29th January	9.00 a.m.
Arr:	Hongkong	1st February	12.00 Noon

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STOCKS DECLINE  
ON WALL STREET

New York, Dec. 22.

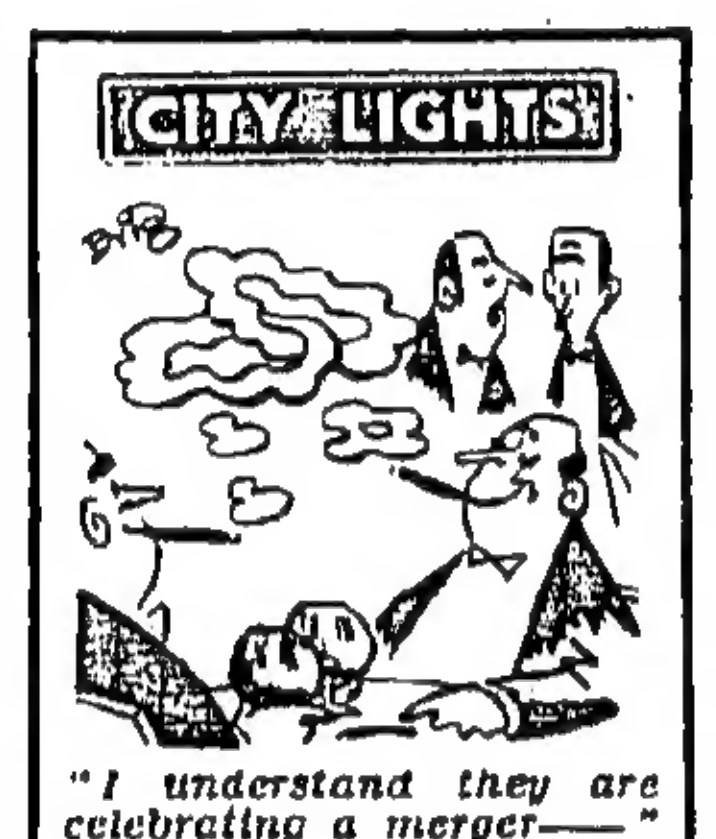
Stocks declined today after rising to a record high last week on the strength of American Telephone's stock split.

The list tried to recover after a steady decline from shortly after the opening until mid-session, but new selling came in near the close and prices generally retreated.

Oil shares suffered rather heavily on Venezuela's move to raise its tax on oil company profits. Electronics were hard hit as a group. Tyres, except Goodrich, decline. Airlines turned down on strike news. Steel issues lost fractions to more than a point. Motors eased with Chrysler resiling pressure. White rose more than a point in the trucks.

## Coca-Cola

Coca-Cola, listed as the stock of the month by Standard & Poor's, rose more than four points. Several other specials were strong. American shipbuilding gained three points. Du Pont, Union Carbide, and Stauffer were firm spots in the



"I understand they are celebrating a merger."

London Express Service.

chemicals. Polaroid lost more than three in the cameras.

Of the 1,258 issues traded, 730 declined and 328 advanced.

Sales today of 3,030,000 shares were well below Friday's volume of 3,540,000 shares.

Bond volume was \$6,520,000. American Stock sales totalled 1,340,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials ..... 571.23  
20 rails ..... 184.34  
13 utilities ..... 90.53  
60 stocks ..... 198.00  
40 bonds ..... 86.73  
Comm. future price index ..... 146.07

Allen Ind. Adv. 2 3/4%  
Allen Chemicals 1 3/4%

Closing Prices

UK TO PAY  
IN FULL

London, Dec. 22.

Britain intends to pay the full instalment of principal and interest on the United States and Canadian loans on December 31, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, told the House of Commons today.

The grand total which Britain will pay at the end of the year to both the U.S. and Canada will amount to approximately \$180,300,000.—U.P.I.

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"COROMANDEL"	Sailed 22/11	12th January
"BURAT"	Sailed 2/12	16th January
"CANTON"	12th December	11th January
"CHUSAN"	23rd December	19th Jan., y
"SOMALI"	6th January	11th February
"CORFU"	9th January	9th February
"SALSETTIE"	29th January	14th March

Homewards Leaves Hongkong Due London

"BOUDAN"	6th January	19th February
"CANTON"	14th January	14th February
"CHUSAN"	3rd February	4th March
"CORFU"	13th February	16th March
"CARTHAGE"	13th March	13th April

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"OZARDA"	due 15th Jan.	from Karachi, Bombay & Calcutta
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## COMMODITY PRICES

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK  
Closing rates were:  
Canada 103.21/22  
Brazil 970  
Others unchanged.

## LONDON

Closing rates were:  
New York 2.90 1/2-2.90 9/10  
Amsterdam 2.70 1/2-2.70 9/10  
Brussels 10.58 1/2-10.58 3/4  
Copenhagen 16.25 1/2-16.25 1/2  
Frankfurt 11.70 1/2-11.70 1/2  
Paris 14.47-14.47 1/2  
Stockholm 12.45-12.45 1/2  
Zurich 12.18 1/2-12.18 1/2  
Others unchanged.—U.P.I.

## RUBBER

NEW YORK  
Rex rubber futures today closed 15 to 33 points higher with sales of 18 contracts.  
Closing prices were:  
Jan. 30.20; Mar. 30.00; May 29.75; July 29.70; Sept. 29.60; Nov. 29.50; Jan. 29.40.

## AMSTERDAM

The rubber market was steady today. Prices closed in guilders per kilogram, c.f. Jan. as follows:  
No. 1 rubber 238 nom.  
No. 2 rubber 236  
No. 3 rubber 233  
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No. 1 rubber per lb. Jan. 0.21 1/2-0.21 1/2  
No. 2 rubber per lb. Jan. 0.20 1/2-0.20 1/2  
No. 3 rubber per lb. Jan. 0.19 1/2-0.19 1/2  
No. 1 crepe per lb. Jan. 0.18 1/2-0.18 1/2  
No. 1 pale crepe 0.17 1/2-0.17 1/2

## SUGAR

NEW YORK  
World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to three points lower with sales of 218 contracts.  
Domestic No. 6 sugar closed one lower to two points higher with sales of 10 contracts.  
Contract No. 4 (world)  
Mar. 2.67; May 2.65; July 2.62; Sept. 2.60; Oct. 2.58; Mar. 2.55; May 2.53; Sept. 2.50; Oct. 2.48  
Contract No. 6 (domestic)  
Mar. 2.60; May 2.58; July 2.55; Sept. 2.53; Oct. 2.50; Mar. 2.48; May 2.45; Sept. 2.43; Oct. 2.40  
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## Police Officer Denies "Wide Powers" Accusation By Merchant

A Police officer denied at the Victoria District Court this morning that he had told a suspect that the police had the right to enter a judge's chambers and talk with the judge before a hearing.

The officer, Detective Sub-Inspector D. McMahon, also denied saying that this was possible because "the police in Hongkong had wide powers".

## Navy Men's Overland Trip To UK Cancelled

By ANDREW SLOAN

The Royal Naval Expedition which had planned to travel overland from Singapore to London, has been cancelled because the Burmese authorities refused them a transit visa.

The leader of the group of four sailors, Petty Officer Archie MacGillchrist, who was in Hongkong with his ship in September this year, wrote to me from Singapore telling me this news. The group were on the frigate St Bride's Bay while in Hongkong and it was during their stay here that they finalised their plans. The only headache they had when leaving the Colony, was travelling visas for Burma.

P/O MacGillchrist wrote, "We have deliberately waited in Singapore after our shipmates flew home in the hope that permission would be granted for the go-ahead, but with no luck I'm afraid."

They now have to wait in Singapore for passage to the UK, and in all probability will spend Christmas there.

Mr McMahon was replying to questions in cross-examination by Patchell Ladhia Ebrahim, 36, textile merchant from Tanjong Pagar, who is charged with possession of 111 lbs of raw opium and conspiracy to deal in the drug.

Another man, Tse Tak-min, alias Matthew Chey, is jointly accused on the conspiracy charge.

Voluntarily?

This morning's cross-examination by Ebrahim before Judge B. J. Jennings was in connection with the testing of the admissibility of a statement which the prosecution say Ebrahim had made voluntarily, but which Ebrahim opposed.

Mr McMahon testified that on September 28 he charged the two accused and another man, Currim Rahman (originally named as the first accused, who has since pleaded guilty and was sentenced).

On October 18, Mr McMahon said, he went to the Victoria Remand Prison as a result of a message from the Prison's Chief Officer.

There he saw Ebrahim, who indicated to him that he wanted to make a statement. He immediately cautioned the accused.

No Promise

Mr McMahon told the Court that he did not hold out any promise or threat to Ebrahim in connection with the making of the statement.

He wrote down what Ebrahim said. Accused then read it over and added something at the end in his own handwriting, and then signed.

Cross-examining the witness, Ebrahim suggested to him that some days before the statement was made, Mr McMahon had visited him in a cell in the magistracy and told him that

the Police had found a certain Mrs Chagla.

Ebrahim went on to say that the witness told him further that if he did not make a statement confessing to the charges, the police would arrest Mrs Chagla.

Mr McMahon replied that he did not tell him anything about Mrs Chagla or that she would be arrested if he did not confess.

Further questioning, witness denied having told Ebrahim that he did not want to see Mr McMahon (the other accused) get off lightly.

Ebrahim: You also told me that the police in Hongkong had wide powers.

Mr McMahon: No.

And that the police had the right to go into a judge's chambers to talk with the judge before a hearing.—No, I did not say that at all.

## Time To Think

Ebrahim further alleged that he told Mr McMahon to give him time to think the matter over and to come back in two or three days and that subsequently he asked the Prison's Chief Officer to contact Mr McMahon and tell him he would make a statement "but under pressure".

Witness denied all this.

Re-examined by Chief Inspector C. L. Smith, Mr McMahon stated that he had no authority to speak with a judge in the latter's chambers before a case came up, as far as he knew.

Witness added that he was not very surprised when he learned that Ebrahim wanted to see each at the Victoria Remand Prison, because on previous occasions the accused had tried to bargain with him and had offered to give evidence for the Crown in return for a guarantee of a light sentence.

On each occasion, said witness, he told Ebrahim that he had no right to bargain or make any promise to the accused.

Hearing is proceeding

## JORDAN BANS GEOGRAPHY TEXT BOOK

London, Dec. 22.

The geographical text book "The World," edited by Dudley Stamp and published by Longman's of London, has been banned by the Jordan authorities.

A Reuters report from Amman today stated that the contents of this widely sold reference book "contradict with press and publication regulations in Jordan."

A spokesman for the publishers said here that the Jordanian authorities objected to the book's statement that "the Israelis occupy the Jewish portion of Palestine," their claim being that the Israelis also occupy Arab territory there.—Reuters.

## House Blown Up

Montreal, Dec. 22.

An explosion sheared a two-storey brick duplex almost in half today, killing at least four persons, three of them children, and injuring four others.

Cause of the explosion had not been determined.—U.P.I.

## Tito In Indonesia

Djakarta, Dec. 23.

President Tito of Yugoslavia sailed into Djakarta's port Tandjong Priok aboard his yacht Galeb to begin a 10-day state visit to Indonesia today.—Reuters.



The Rocky Feller Combo pose for a photograph. They are from left to right: Albert, kneeling, Junior, Eddie, Tony, and Paulino at the bongos.

## Boys Band Gets Its Big Chance

by Andrew Sloan

China Mail Reporter

A GROUP of five Filipino boys, four of them not yet in their teens, who got their first big chance in a Hongkong nightclub, leave the Colony today to begin an engagement in Ceylon.

They are the Rocky Feller Combo.

The two youngest and the two eldest boys, all brothers, in the group arrived in Hongkong four months ago to join their father, a Colony musician.

Their talent was soon spotted by Bing Rodrigues, bandleader at one of Hongkong's leading nightclubs, when the boys put on an impromptu show during a party.

Invited by Mr Rodrigues to audition at his nightclub during a tea dance one Sunday, the diminutive entertainers were a smash hit with a large and delighted audience. Impressed by the boys' manager signed them up for their first professional engagement.

Word of their gay and lively shows spread quickly in night-clubbing circles, and within a week they were packing them in.

## The Many

Among many to approach the group was an American promoter. But their father, who plays the bass, decided they were not ready yet.

Instead, "the boss," Mr D. "Moro" Maligmat, took the group to Bangkok where they had a very successful contract. When they returned to Hongkong they were made an offer by an English promoter. Again Mr Maligmat declined, but not definitely. "Maybe later," he said.

Then a few weeks ago, Mr Herbert Ebert, who recently arrived here, decided they would make a big hit with the Ceylonese night-club enthusiasts.

Mr Ebert made a successful bid for the group's services. Mr Maligmat will be leaving with his boys for Ceylon today.

The other day I went along to meet this group of youngsters who eat, sleep and drink rock 'n' roll music.

I was introduced to Mr Maligmat, who in turn introduced me to the boys. First I met the eldest, Junior, 17, who plays the lead guitar, then came Tony, 12, ukulele, Albert, 8, ukulele, and last but not least, the tiny tot and star of the show, Eddie, a diminutive three-footer who plays an equally diminutive uke.

Little Darlin'

While in Hongkong he has gained the nick-name of "Little Darlin'." Explanation later.

Paulino Babido, age eight, sat in a corner of a settee, smiled shyly at his bass introduction. Son of another Hongkong musician, he is the only outsider in the family combo. He nightly hammers away at a pair of bongos.

When the combo is in action, almost everything hinges on whether Eddie is in a good mood or not. Some nights he stands on the dance-floor lights, and with a dreamy faraway look in his eyes, gently strums his guitar in between songs.

## 40 Taels Of Opium Seized

Forty taels of opium in liquid form were seized by the Police during a raid on an unnumbered hut in Tin Tin Temple Road, New View District, yesterday morning. A man and two women have been detained for questioning.

## Boot-Black Gaoled For Trafficking In Women

Chan Tak-chol, 30-year-old boot-black found guilty of trafficking in women by Mr A. L. Leitch at a previous hearing at the Central Magistracy, was sentenced to a total of 18 months' imprisonment by the Magistrate when he was found to be unsuitable for the training centre.

Defendant was sentenced to 12 months on the charge of trafficking in women, four months on the charge of failing to report while he was under police supervision and two months for failure to report change of address.

The last sentence was to be served concurrently.

## SHANGHAI DOCKYARDS: NO CHANGE

The annual meeting of the Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd was held this morning in Jardine House.

In a statement the Chairman Mr B. T. Flanagan said that the position of the company had not changed since his report a year ago.

"The Company's properties in China are still under requisition by the People's Government and the US Dollar Investments and Bank Balances remain blocked under a U.S. Treasury order," he said.

"The gross income for the year, most of which is blocked amounted to \$97,440."

"After deducting all expenses including directors' fees of \$3,000 the net profit amounted to \$94,440."

"To this must be added the balance of \$316,286 brought forward from the previous year making a total credit balance of \$410,726, which the Board proposes to carry forward to next year."

The meeting was attended by Mr B. T. Flanagan, Chairman, the Hon. H. D. M. Barton, Mr J. H. Lindell, directors and Mr H. Sidbury, representing the Secretary, Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd., Mr C. A. Adam, Mr M. A. A. Young-Herries and Mr G. L. Marshall, representing Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd.

The re-election of directors was moved by Mr Barton and seconded by Mr Sidbury, the re-appointment of the Auditors was moved by Mr Marshall and seconded by Mr Adam.

## Girl Hurt By Car

A 17-year-old girl, Siu Ling-tai, of No. 35, Fort Street ground floor, was knocked down and injured by a private car in King's Road, near Ming Yuen Western Street, yesterday. She was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

## Wrist Watch Snatched

A wrist watch was snatched from a woman pedestrian whilst she was walking in Cheung Sha Wan Road yesterday afternoon.

## Swiss Official Leaves HK

Mr J. J. Bolli, Director of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce, left this morning by Swissair for Switzerland after a business trip in the Far East.

## Carols For H.E.

Members of St John's Cathedral choir will sing carols outside Government House this evening. Later they will tour the harbour in a launch entertaining the crews of ships with carols.

## Doctor Tells Of Boy Who Wanted Affection

A 19-year-old student, Chan Kin-hung, who was found guilty of indecently assaulting a nine-year-old girl at a previous hearing, was remanded for one week by Mr I. M. S. Donnell at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

He asked for a report by the Commissioner of Prisons on his suitability for admission to the Boys' Training Centre.

Mr Donnell remanded Chan after hearing evidence by Dr H. D. Scriven on the boy's mental condition.

Dr Scriven testified that Chan was a boy of normal intelligence and there was nothing to suggest that he was definitely insane. Dr Scriven said he found the boy shy and timid and rather childlike.

The boy had no parental guidance or control. In the evening he stayed with his father who was indifferent to him and his step-mother who actively disliked him.

In the environment like this, Dr Scriven continued, one would frequently be tempted to gain affection and the boy had a feeling for need of affection.

This feeling, however, misdirected, might be a factor which overweighed the right and wrong in a person's mind.

Chan was represented by Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by M. K. Lam and Co.

## Gaoled On Drug Charge

Mok Chak, 27, unemployed, residing at hut 320, Tokai Street, was found guilty of possession of heroin by Mr T. L. Yang at Kowloon Magistracy this morning, and sentenced to eight months' gaol.

Sub-Inspector A. Low told the Magistrate that a packet, wrapped in red paper, containing heroin, was found in the man's coat pocket.

He had four previous convictions of the same nature.

## American Writer To Call At HK

Washington, Dec. 22.

Dr. Selma George, American sociologist, writer, teacher and singer will leave on Jan. 2, for the Far East on a world tour as part of the US cultural exchange programme.

Dr George will be in Singapore in mid-January for a meeting of the pan-Pacific Southeast Asia Women's Association. From there she will go to Malaya, Hongkong, Formosa, the Philippines, Thailand, Finland, Italy, France and Ghana.

The State Department said she will spend her six-months tour "consulting with women's groups, educators, students and civic organisations."—U.P.I.

From the Files

25 years AGO

THE recent exposure of conditions prevailing in Hongkong's House of Detention, has led to the institution of reforms under an order made by the Governor-in-Council, contained in the current issue of the Government Gazette.

The order provides for rescission of previous requirements regarding the employment of vagrants, under which power was allowed to order the picking of not more than one-and-a-half pounds of oakum a day, or crink labour not exceeding 1,000 revolutions a day.

The new regulations, under the heading "Industrial Trade," provides "that a vagrant in the House of Detention may be employed at such work as industrial trade, preferably the vagrants' usual trade, as the Superintendent of the House of Detention where he is detained, shall prescribe, or at any other work of a hard bodily nature which the Governor shall, from time to time, approve, provided that a vagrant shall not be so employed in the company with ordinary prisoners."

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DON Bradman, the greatest of Australia's batsmen scored a sparkling 253 against Queensland in a Sheffield Shield match.

By his brilliant scoring over the last few days, Bradman has now aggregated more than 1,000 runs for the sixth successive season, a feat unprecedented in Australia's cricket history.

He was ably assisted in the Sheffield Shield match by Kippax, who made 125 in 172 minutes. They created a new Australian record for a third wicket partnership, scoring 363 runs.

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Bird's Eye: Chinese politics are like a game of chess. The peace moves all lead up to the crowning of new kings.

Antoin Poli, 40, and Jean Geromini, 35, manager and commission agent respectively of Messrs Poli and Co., Ltd., Alexandria Buildings, were charged before Mr Balfour at the Central Police Court with the possession of an automatic pistol and 50 rounds of ammunition, without a licence from the Commissioner of Police. They were remanded for one week on bail of \$200.

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